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The Haunted Chamber.

Each heart has its haunted chamber,
Where the silent moonlight falls!
On the floor are mysterious footsteps,
There are whispers along the walls!

And mine at times is haunted
By phantoms of the Past,
As motionless as shadows
By the silent moonlight cast.

A form sits by the window,
That is not seen by day,
For as soon as the dawn approaches
It vanishes away.

It sits there in the moonlight,
Itself as pale and still,
And points with its airy finger
Across the window sill.

Without, before the window,
There stands a gloomy pine,
Whose boughs wave upward and downward
As waves these thoughts of mine.

And underneath its branches
Is the grave of a little child,
Who died upon life's threshhold,
And never wept nor smiled.

What are ye! Oh, pallid phantoms!
That haunt my troubled brain?
That vanish when day approaches,
And at night return again?

What are ye! Oh, pallid phantoms!
But the statues without breath,
That stand on the bridge overarching
The silent river of death?

FOUND WANTING.

Sylvie Wintringham looked pleadingly into the handsome face that was bent so earnestly toward her—a dark, queenly face, with eyes that made one think of a Jewish princess, and hair as black as midnight skies.

"And you love him—you are sure, Sylvie! because, if you are, I never shall lay a straw in your way. You know that, darling?"

Miriam Lester laid her hand caressingly on the girl's golden hair, and smiled tenderly into the eager, upturned face, with its shy, proud, blue eyes—blue as a violet petal—that were all aglow with the first love of her pure young life.

"You are always so good, Miriam; you are more like a mother to me than a half-sister, and I know perfectly well you will be as happy, as I—if I—if I marry Mr. Seville."

"Has it come to that, dear? Has Mr. Seville made you an offer of marriage?"

"It was only a few weeks ago, Miriam, that he—he—told me he would like to have me for his little wife before he went to Long Branch."

"And you are *sure* of your own heart, Sylvie?"

"Why do you ask me, Miriam? Is it because you think I am too young to know what I feel, or because you think my lover's handsome face has only fascinated me?"

"Oh, no, neither of those are my reasons. Frankly, I have heard Mr. Seville was a notorious lady's man, and has made his boasts that he would only marry an heiress. I wouldn't have him break your heart, my darling."

"It is too bad that any one should think that of him! He loves me for myself, I am sure, and not because I am an heiress."

"Well, little sister, I only hope it will be all right. When he comes back again, I will see him, and I may be more favorably impressed by a personal acquaintance than I have been by report. He writes, Sylvie?"

"Oh, yes, twice every week—*such* lovely letters. Miriam, you never would doubt him if you could only read his lovely letters."

"If I was only going to Long Branch instead of Saratoga, I might meet him. As it is, I may have to be patient a little longer. You have never mentioned me to him, have you?"

"Often and often. Why, he knows that I love my beautiful Miriam above all people."

"Then he only knows I am your sister Miriam? He has never heard I am Miss Lester?"

"I think not. It never occurred to me; you are not hurt dear, that—"

"Hurt with you? Never! Only I hope this handsome Mr. Seville will have no power to cause you to feel wounded. Listen, Sylvie, isn't that Maud Meyer's voice inquiring for you?"

A fortnight after this, Miss Lester's trunks, plainly marked with her full name, and labeled Saratoga, left the mansion on Madison-avenue; an hour later, Miss Lester drove after them to the Grand Central Depot, where, instead of purchasing a ticket for the Springs, she ordered her baggage re-marked for Long Branch, and saw it off on an express truck *en route* for the 1.45 boat, while she was driven to the pier in a hired *coupe*, her own carriage having been ordered home before she had made any alterations in plans. She leaned back among the cushions with a half-amused, half-pitiful smile on her face.

"I feel so sure it is only my little Sylvie's money he is after, and I shall bring to bear the strongest tests upon his loyalty. If he loves her, nothing can tempt him. If he does not—poor little trusting girl! It is her first love, and the scars of the battle, if lost, will take a long time to wear off. But better the brief bitternes now—if bitterness there is to be—than a life of misery."

It was shortly before dusk—one of the most perfect evenings there had been at the seaside that season—and dozens of elaborately dressed ladies were promenading the long piazzas of the Ocean House, or sitting in picturesque groupings in the chairs, watching the continuous tide of fashion that surged by. Just in front of the entrance to the hotel an elegant barouche was in waiting—coachman and footman in olive green livery, and a span of coal-black horses, in gold-plated harness, impatiently pawing and champing, tossing their beautiful heads, and throwing flecks of snowy foam over their glossy breasts.

An elderly lady was sitting within, apparently waiting for some one. And in a second, Miriam Lester, in a faultless carriage costume, followed by her French maid, carrying her parasol and fan, came through the entrance and entered the carriage.

Among the group of gentleman loungers one watched her eagerly, then turning to some one at his elbow asked:

"Who is that magnificent woman? I never saw such a walk, such a figure, in my life."

"Take care, Seville; you're the twelfthteenth man that has asked that question since the divinity arrived last night. Remember the golden-haired little girl of last winter, and then don't have eyes for anybody else."

"Just drop that, Lane! As if because a fellow's promised to a lily, he has no right to enjoy the rose."

"By which I am to understand you intend to cultivate an acquaintance with Miss Lester?"

"So she is Miss Lester, is she; the intimate friend of Mrs. Secretary Elsworth? The Miss Lester I've heard of, I think, before. Why, Lane, a fellow would be an idiot not to cultivate her—she's a tremendous heiress, and—such a magnificent creature."

"What a deuced lucky thing it is that I'm on calling terms with Mrs. Elsworth. I shan't be slow in paying my devoirs in that direction, mind you."

"For Miss Lester's especial benefit? Well, Rolf, it's to be expected she'll succumb—all the women do, it seems, to you."

"If they will, they will, Lane; and I don't see how I can help it. Indeed, a portion of my creed is—'take all the goods the gods give.'"

And as these two gentlemen sauntered along from the "Ocean House" to the "West End," Miss Lester was leaning back among the olive-green cushions of Mrs. Elsworth's barouche—as picturesque and queenly as ever a proud, beautiful woman could be.

"Who was that fine-looking gentleman in a white cloth suit, who stood by the office-door as I came out, Mrs. Elsworth? Did you observe him?"

"Mr. Seville, I think. A gentleman with blonde hair, and long side-whiskers, no mustache?"

"The very one. I thought as much," Miriam returned, quietly, and nothing more was said on the subject.

Two days later, Rolf Seville bowed low over Miriam Lester's hand, in Mrs. Elsworth's drawing-room, with a registered vow in his heart.

"I'll win her, by Jove, engagement or no engagement."

While Miriam, laughing and chatting with bewitching loveliness and archness, thought—

"Now, my fine fellow, we'll see of what sort of stuff you are made!"

The brilliant season at Long Branch was passing, day by day, into only a tender memory of the past. Many had gone to their homes.

It had been an eventful summer to more than one fair girl, who had come to the crisis of her life beside those restless waves. Hearts had been broken; the happiness of many lives assured; hopes verified, fears realized; while to some, who lingered still, the problem of their fate was still unsolved. Perhaps it was that they were waiting for—at least it was that Rolf Seville tarried for, so long as Miriam Lester staid.

The two had become very intimate during those four weeks of seaside summering. Mr. Seville had left no stone unturned to capture the heiress and beauty, while Miriam had used all her powers of fascination for his benefit. And the issue was fast approaching—just on the sands of one bright September morning.

"I fear you are a sad fellow, Mr. Seville. Positively, that is the second letter I've seen you receive this week, addressed in the same pretty hand."

"Merely a child's letter, I assure you, Miss Lester."

"But a charming child, I am told, whom you intend to honor with your name some day. Miss Sylvie Wintringham, isn't it?"

"From Miss Wintringham, I will admit That I am engaged to her is a positive untruth. I am too deeply interested in another quarter."

Miriam averted her face, and thoughtfully traced lines on the sand with her parasol. "I have seen Miss Wintringham—she is a sweet girl, Mr. Seville."

He shrugged his shoulders. "Yes—sweet. But one tires occasionally of sweetness alone. One longs for spice. A man's fancy may be attracted by a pretty face and cunning ways, but, Miss Lester, it is such a woman as yourself that takes a man's heart by storm, that makes him feel like a defeat unless fair hands like those crown him victor. Miss Lester—will you complete *my* life? will you love me as I love you? I worship you—my beautiful, beautiful darling, with all the ardor of a mature man. Am I to be blessed?"

A pale paint crept over her splendid face—pain for Sylvie's sake. Then, a torrent of indignation, a touch of triumph in her voice as she answered him.

"If you were any other man than Rolf Seville, I would thank you for the high honor done me, even while I declined your offer. As it is, I simply despise you, and know you to be what I thought you were—what I have insisted upon to my dear little sister—my poor, wronged Sylvie. Shall I convey your withdrawal of your suit to Miss Wintringham, or will you, on my authority, accept your release from her?"

Of course, it was hard on little Sylvie, but she had good common sense, and Miriam comforted her, and to-day she is quite content.

A STATUE OF INNOCENCE.—Here is a story that Moncure Conway gives the dignity of a paragraph to in his London letter. A little girl, aged ten, whom I will call Eva, was sternly reproved by her sternly virtuous governess for carelessness of a certain kind, and told her that she must never on any occasion allow herself to be seen in her chemise by boys or gentlemen. The lesson having sunk into Eva's mind, an occasion for practicing it soon arose. Her young cousin was rushing into the room one morning, and the girl screamed: "Stop, you musn't come in! I am in my chemise." There was a pause, after which Eva cries, "Now you may come in." The dear child had slipped off her chemise—her only garment—and stood, a statue of innocence.

A STORY FOR BERGH.—"Conductah," simpered a lady on an outgoing Eastern train recently, "will you be so kind as to bwing me a glass of watah?" The polite conductor thereupon marched to the water tank, detached the German silver mug from its long, clanking chain, and returning with it filled to the brim, obsequiously proffered it to the fair traveler. She took it with a smile; she bowed—and stuck it under the nose of a musty-looking poodle dog on her lap, who quietly lapped up the liquid refreshment. When the conductor received that cup again, it was noticed that he softly shied it out of the nearest open window. But, though done softly, you could see by the way he set his teeth together that he wished it was the dog—or the woman.

A gentleman and lady got off the Pan Handle train yesterday evening, and stepped out on the south side of the depot. They were quickly surrounded by a crowd of voracious hackmen. Punching away vigorously with his umbrella, the gentleman soon cleared a space around him, and having secured silence enough to be heard, he vociferated, "Wouldn't some of you like to go to the Devil?" The tone of one of the hackmen was wickedly urbane as he quickly replied, "Come right along, sir; I run the finest hack on that line."

Coffee, says an exchange, should be browned at least twice a week. But how many brownings will it stand before it burns up?

THE WASHINGTON ELM.

A dilapidated old vehicle, which looked as if it had seen service way back in the shadowy ages of tradition, drawn by an attenuated old horse, thinner than a stake boiler, and driven by an old fossil of the human species, rattled around into the Central square, Cambridge, last Thursday, when the following conversation took place beteen the old Granger and one of the ancient denizens of the city:

Granger—"Where's the ellum tree that Washington was shot under?"

Citizen—"Further up the street—up in old Cambridge. Washington wasn't shot—he died."

Granger—"Oh, I thought he was shot."

Citizen—"No; he fell out of a cherry tree, or killed hisself with a hatchet, or suthin. Anyway, he wasn't shot."

Granger—"Ef the old feller could git outer his grave he'd find it difficult ter find out where the old ellum is, I guess."

Citizen—Yes, Cambridge has grown a great deal since Washington's time. Dandy Hill wasn't here then, or ruther there wasn't no houses onto it."

The old Granger at this point was checking up his horse's head preparatory to a start, when there came a growl from the interior of the ark: "Nathan Proctor! are ye goin' ter stan' there all night a bellerin'? Yer wuss'n a biled dinner. When ye get talkin' ye can't stop yer pizen mouth mor'n yer can stop a rat hole with pod beans."

With a frightened look the old man turned and whispered into the citizen's ear: "Did ye ever hear of the Peaslees of Weymouth Landing? Well, I married into that family like a dummed idiot, and I ain't known no peace senee. The old woman is high tide when she lays herself out; she's gun-powder and nitro-glyeerin'; she's six hundred thousand strong. Oh, she's awful, you bet. If she knowed what I've told you she'd cut out my hasslet." And the old man drove off "ter find the ellum."

POULTRY MANURE.—Fifty fowls will make in the roosting-house alone, 10 cwt. per annum of the best manure in the world. Hence fifty fowls make more than enough manure for an acre of land, 7 cwt. of guano being the usual quantity applied per acre, and poultry manure being even richer than guano in ammonia and fertilizing salts. No other stock will give an equal return in this way; and the figures will demand careful attention from the large farmer. The manure, before using, should be mixed with twice its bulk of earth, and then allowed to stand in a heap covered with a few inches of earth till decomposed throughout, when it makes the very best manure that can be had.—*Homestead.*

THE SHREWDEST YET.—A applied to B for a loan of $100. B replied: "My dear A, nothing would please me better than to oblige you, and I'll do it. I haven't $100 by me, but you make a note and I'll endorse it, and you can get the money from the bank."—Grateful A at once proceeded to write a note. "Stay," said B, "make it $200. I want $100 myself. A did so, B endorsed the paper, the bank discounted it, and the money was divided. When the note was due B was in California, and A had to meet the payment. What he is unable to cipher out is whether he borrowed $100 of A, or A borrowed $100 of him.

THE BEST LOVED WOMEN.—It is the womanly women who are so tenderly revereneed on earth, so lovingly mourned and missed when "life's fitful fever over, they rest in peace." The mothers whose life and memory are God's instruments for the salvation of their sons, the "believing wives who sanctify the unbelieving husbands," the sisters whose influence has power to win a brother from his evil ways or strengthen him in the path of light, thousands of women who have been to men guardian angels in every truth, all belonged to the class of womanly women.

OATMEAL AND TEETH.—The London Medical Record says: "It has long been noted in this country that in those districts where the use of oatmeal (in place of wheaten flour) prevails, we find children and adults with the best developed teeth and jaws; and so well recognized is the influence of oatmeal diet upon the teeth, that many practitioners order its use as an article of daily diet for children, in cases where the dentition seems likely to be either retarded or imperfect."

Those who have no "hair on the top of the head, in the place where the hair ought to grow," have no dandruff; and as for those who have a fine head of hair, and are troubled with dandruff, let them dissolve an ounce of borax in four ounces of water, and rub the scalp well. It will form a soap that will wash the head and hair clean, after which the head should be thoroughly washed in clean water. After the cleaning process comb, dry, brush and oil to taste.

An exchange gets off the following:—"When we looks around and see the large number of able-bodied men who spend their time and money at beer saloons, while their wives are sitting at home or go out washing to keep themselves and their children from starving, we naturally wonder why more young men don't get married—and marvel more that so many young ladies do."

A little Idaho three-year-old fell into a well where the water was only six inches deep, and remained there six hours before he was discovered. When he was finally rescued, his pent-up wrath thus found expression:—"You fink I kin 'tay in a well wifout nuffin to eat, like a f'og; 'f I wasn't no better fadder an' mudder 'an 'ou I' do wifout children."

A young gentleman who had quarreled with a lady to whom he had paid his addresses, was so impudent as to threaten that he would publish the letters she had written him. "That," she replied, "would be truly vexatious; for, though I need not be ashamed of their contents, I certainly ought to be ashamed of their directions."

A couple of disputatious neighbors were contending as to which is the oldest business in the world, when the wife of one of them, with her babe in her arms, silenced them by declaring that the oldest business in the world is the *nursery* business.

"Will you please insert this obituary notice?" asked an old gentleman of a country editor. "I make bold to ask it because I know the deceased had a great many friends about here who'd be glad to hear of his death."

Seven brothers attend one school in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Orignal.

Sing for Me, Darling.

Sing for me sometimes, darling, sing for me,
When the quick pulses of thy spirit start
In silver-flowing waves of melody,
And beats toward coral shores, thy songful heart.

And I shall hear, though river tides between
Reach their bright hands from the far-throbbing sea,
And lonely hills lift up their crests of green
To keep the winged messenger from me.

Sing songs of evening, dim and shadowy songs,
Veiled like thine own dark-fringed eyes,
And up my haunted twilight silver throngs
Of stars shall roll, and light my spectral skies.

Sing the glad songs that I heard before
Burst from thy lips in sunny laughter free,
And I shall lose the sad and sullen roar
That rocks around me like a hungry sea.

Then sing for me, oh! sometimes sing for me,
With the deep pathos of thy wondrous voice,
And I shall hear thy spirit's melody
Around my path forever, and rejoice.

Springfield, Feb., 1876. JEB.

WANTED TO BE AN EDITOR.

"Have you had any experience in the business?" we asked of a verdant-looking youth who applied for an editorial position the other day.

"Haven't I, though?" he replied, as he shoved one foot under his chair to hide the unskillful patching of a backwoods cobbler. "I should say I'd had some experience—haven't I corresponded with the Pumpkinville Screamer for six weeks? Hain't that experience enough?"

"That will do very well," we replied, "but when we take young men on our editorial staff we generally put them through examination. How much are twelve times one?"

"Twelve! why any little boy ought to know"—

"Hold on please: don't be too fast. Who discovered America?"

"Kluml us? Pshaw, them questions is jest as easy as"—

"Who was the first man?"

"Adam! why, Mister, I know all"—

"What was his other name?"

"His other name? Why, he didn't have none."

"Yes he did. You see that's where we've got you. His other name was Ebenezer—Ebenezer Adam, Esq., late of Paradise. Nobody knows this but editors, and see to it that you don't tell anybody."

He said he wouldn't.

"How many bones are there in the human body?"

"Well, I forget now, but I did know wunst."

"What! don't you know that? Why there's 7,481,654,444 bones in an ordinary man. A man that snores has one more bone than other people."

"What bone is that?"

"The trombone. It is situated somewhere in the nose. You won't forget that, will you?"

He said he wouldn't.

"How long would it take a mud turtle to cross the desert of Sahara with a small orphan boy to touch him up behind with a red hot poker?"

"Well, look here, Mister, if I had a slate and pencil I could figure that out; but dog my skin if I'm much on mental 'rithmetic."

"Slate and pencil! Did you ever see a slate and pencil about a sanctum? Nonsense. Well, we'll let that question slip. Have you got a good constitution?"

"Putty tolerable."

"How long do you suppose you could live on raw corn and faith, and do the work of a domesticated elephant?"

"Lord! I don't believe I could live more'n a week."

"Well, that's about as long as you'd care to live if you got an editorial position on this paper. You appear to be pretty well posted; we shall ask you one more question, and if you prove equal to it you can take off your coat and sail in."

"Let's have'er, 'squire. I didn't correspond for the Pumpkinville Screamer six weeks for nothin'. Let'er come, I'm on deck, I am."

"Well, sir, if two diametrical circles with octagonal peripheries should collide with a centrifugal idiosyncrasy—or, to put it plainer, we will say a disfranchised nonentity—what effect would the catastrophe exert on a crystallyzed codfish suspended by the tail from the homogeneous rafters of the empyrean?"

As the full force of this ponderous problem broke upon his bewildered brain, he slowly dragged his inartistically cobbled shoe from under his chair and started from the room. We heard him descend the stairs, go out, and close the door. We then placidly resumed our duties, regretting that so promising a youth should have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

She sailed gracefully into a Metropolitan car, a few days ago, and stood in the middle of the vehicle. The polite conductor at the door said, "There's a seat at the further end." She moved not. Soon he repeated the remark, but she remained motionless. Thinking she was deaf, he pitched his voice on a higher key, and said in louder tones, "I said there was a seat at the further end of the car, ma'am." She turned quietly around, and with a smile that was childlike and bland made answer, "I know it, and I'll take it when you get off from my dress." He lifted his feet, and, from her position six feet ahead of him, she silently glided to the seat.

As she rolled up her sleeves and looked hard at a big basket of tomatoes she remarked, "There's get up, pay up, bang up, go up, step up, and climb up, but here goes for eatsup.

Man—Do you think it would be safe for me to cross this pasture? Maid—Well, the old bull don't like red very much, but if you will chalk your nose, I guess he won't attack you.

A poor woman in St. Louis went to a doctor for medicine to check the appetites of her five children, she being unable to provide sufficient food for them.

A young man who was recently married to a girl, after proposing to her eighteen times, now wishes that he hadn't asked her but seventeen times.

Sunshine is a powerful treatment for diseases. If you aspire to health and happiness, you must allow the sunlight to come into your house.

A New Hampshire distiller, it is said, makes all his employes sign the temperance pledge.

Elihu Burritt can drive a strange dog out of his yard in thirty-three languages.

Some varieties of caterpillars eat twice their weight of leaves daily.

MAN'S MICROSCOPIC ENEMIES.

The name "trichina spiralis" comes from two Greek words, signifying hair and curled, alluding to the hair-like form of the animal and the curled position which it assumes in the cells in which it is found in the muscular system. The male worm measures only one-twentieth of an inch in length, the female is a little longer. It was discovered by Professor Owen in a portion of human muscles sent to him from St. Bartholomew's hospital in 1834.

In a few hours after the diseased meat is taken into the stomach trichinæ separated from it are found free in that organ. Thence they pass into the duodenum, and afterward into the small intestine, where they are developed. On the third or fourth day eggs are discovered, these eggs being alive, as we have found to be the case with other analogous larvæ of which we have specimens. From the intestines and other cavities where the young are first produced they penetrate into the substance of the muscles, where sometimes as early as three days after the diseased meat is taken into the stomach they may be found in considerable numbers, and so far developed that the young entoza have almost attained a size equal to that of the full-grown trichinæ. They progressively advance into the interior of the small bundles of muscular fibre, where they may be often seen several in a file, one after the other. Behind them the muscular tissues become atrophied, that is, hardened, and around them an irritation is set up, which ends in producing a cyst in about two weeks. Thus it will be seen that the whole muscular system is filled with these parasites, each one the central point of inflammation, and of course of terrible suffering, until the friendly hand of death closes the scene.

These cases, we think, must be more frequent than is generally supposed, from our having so many brought to our notice, within a short time, and this fact would be a good reason for entirely giving up swine's flesh as an article of food. Thorough cooking will render pork absolutely free from any injurious effects in this direction.

If we give up swine's flesh for the reason that it contains entoza we shall be obliged for this reason to discard all animal food. One of the same family which we have mentioned as causing sickness among the Egyptians is of frequent occurrence among cattle, sheep and horses, the hare, the rabbit, &c. Another species is found in the liver of the salmon, in the alimentary canal of the pike and perch, and also many species infest the feathered tribes.

We ought perhaps to say that, although the careful smoking of pork is said to kill the trichinæ, it is never safe, in our opinion, to eat pork which is not very thoroughly cooked.

It is a great thing to look *away*. Between brick walls, sorrows pin one down, and grind and gnaw one's life. It is so natural, when things go wrong indoors to sit and look out of the window, if the window looks anywhere. You think that you are sulky and miserable—perhaps you mean to be at first; but presently you have gotten all over it. You have gone out from yourself, away off among tree branches and cloud islands, carrying your trouble with you, and there you give it the slip, and leave it to melt away.

The same youngster heard a certain neighbor using profane language over some hard knots of oak wood he was wrestling with one morning; and shortly after heard the same man pray at his father's house in a prayer-meeting. After the prayer he walked up to the man of prayer-meeting piety, and electrified him with: "What for you talk mad to Dod at the wood pile, and talk dood to him here. Dod don't like 'em bofe."

It requires a good deal of warning to teach men that it is unsafe to draw a gun toward themselves by the muzzle. Near Lotus, Ind., a few days ago, a man named Burgess Gardner attempted to draw his gun up into a tree in order to get a good shot at a rabbit, and succeeded in blowing his own head off.

They have a boy at Worcester who is going concerting because he can play the piano, organ, flute, cornet, fife, harmonica, dulcina, double bass-viol, and violoncello, and harmonica with violoncello and harmonica with piano, all strictly by note.

At Point Reys, Cal., there is a dairy farm of 45,000 acres, on which there are 2000 cows. This farm, together with the cows, is rented in part to several tenants. They make from $1000 to $2000 per annum, clear of all expenses.

The pen with which President Grant signed the Centennial bill was made from the quill of an American eagle shot in the vicinity of Mount Hope, Oregon. The pen and eagle will be exhibited at the Centennial.

In Wethersfield, Conn., three children of Mr. Mygatt recently died of diphtheria and were buried in one grave, and now his neighbor, Mr. Samuel Woleott, has lost four. They were plump, rugged, hardy children.

It is alleged that a man moving in aristocratic circles in New York has beaten his daughter, 17 years of age, so severely as to cause her death, because she persisted in her efforts to become an actress.

"If Jones undertakes to pull my ears," said a loud-mouthed fellow on a street corner, "he will have his hands full." The crowd looked at the man's ears and thought so, too.

A young lady of seven summers, when chided by her parent for jumping over a fence, wanted to know if this was not leap year.

It is hard to say which will bring the more pleasant expression into a woman's face—to tell her that her baby is heavy or her bread light.

The only place where they never have a slim attendance—the fat men's ball.

It makes a great difference whether glasses are used over or under the nose.

Clearing-out sales—Those which men make before running away.

Offerings of the season—Twenty cents on a dollar.

Casting accounts—the iron founder's ledger.

Always operating for a rise—Emetics.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1876.

A BILL has been introduced in Congress to pay to the executor of Henry Wilson the balance of the salary the Vice President would have received had he lived through his term of office.

KING ALFONSO of Spain has cause for congratulation in the final close of the Carlist war. Don Carlos and a portion of his forces have fled into France, and their defeat seems final and complete. It is reported that now 50,000 Spanish troops will be sent to Cuba at once to make short work of the rebellion there.

IN Mr. Chapin's testimony before the investigating railroad committee, it was intimated that he had received his shares in the coal companies as a gift, whereupon he declared that he never received a share of any stock as a gift, and was possessed of no property that he had not earned. Not many as wealthy men as Mr. Chapin can say they have honestly earned every dollar they possess, and it is to his credit that he can make such a declaration.

THE Connecticut republicans held their state convention at Hartford on Tuesday and nominated Henry C. Robinson of Hartford for governor, F. J. Kingsbury of Waterbury for lieutenant governor, Gen. Francis A. Walker, son of the late Amasa Walker of North Brookfield, and a professor in Yale College, for secretary of state, and J. Olny, a banker of Thompson, for treasurer. The ticket is as strong a one as could be presented, and will give the democrats a hard rub.

THE Boston Globe contains a lively illustration to show how our legislators at the State House are trying to save money by cutting down the pay of clerks and other officers, where the total saving will be small, and letting the big wastes like the Hoosac Tunnel run the State millions in debt. The illustration represents the people clamoring for economy, while legislators with spigots are rushing to stop a "ten cent" vent hole in the head of a big cask, not noticing the open bung hole where "thousands" are running to waste. It is quite characteristic of the present Legislature.

JOSH BEST, of Stoneham, another ex-member of the Legislature, has been convicted of stealing money from a safe in the store of Aaron Hill, and goes to State Prison for two years. Alas! what a dangerous school our Legislature seems to be! There's Pond, Winslow, Bardwell and Best. Pond and Best are already serving out their sentences, a cell is waiting for Winslow, and Bardwell has gone before a Higher Court. At this rate we shall soon need a special ward in the State Prison for our ex-legislators, and candidates for legislative honors may well tremble for their safety.

MUSCULAR Christianity is no doubt quite as essential as that of a spiritual nature sometimes, and the revivalist, Moody, believes in both. It is related that on one occasion, when he was preaching in his own church in Chicago, a ruffian raised a disturbance, upon which Mr. Moody left his place, laid hold of the fellow, and gave him a drubbing which had a great effect upon his manners, if not upon his soul. On another occasion, a fierce young rapscallion who had come to his Sunday school, raised a rumpus in spite of all efforts to keep him quiet; and so, at last, Brother Moody suddenly seized him, overpowered him by main strength, carried him into a side room, bolted the door, and gave him such a flogging, that the fellow, though finally converted, could hardly forgive.

OUR Legislatures are fickle bodies, acting wisely sometimes, and foolishly quite often. A few years ago the District Court system was established, and we believe it has worked well, and saved much expense. These courts are convenient for the people in which to have their grievances adjusted without going long distances at great expense and trouble. They are cheaply officered, and so far as is known, quite ably. Now somebody wants to overthrow the system and establish another grade of courts, having larger districts and more expensive justices. We suspect that the idea originated with an aspiring lawyer who wants a judgeship, but finds no opening without abolishing the present courts and establishing new ones. The judiciary of the commonwealth should be changed with great caution. Its permanence insures its purity, and the next things to consider are its convenience to the people, and cheapness. The Legislature should not forget these considerations.

A LIVELY MEETING of depositors in the defunct Lancaster Savings Bank was held at Clinton Saturday last, more than 1000 persons being present. There was some pretty sharp criticism of the management of the Bank, as well as of the receivers, and a resolution was adopted claiming the right of the depositors to name one of the receivers, and the subject is to be brought to the attention of the Supreme Court. Commissioner Gatchell, in speaking of this bank, says that many of the investments "were of a questionable character, no doubt induced by unhealthy competition." There should be no such thing as competition among our savings banks. They are designed as safe depositories for the frugal savings of the laboring people—as places where their money will be earning them a fair rate of interest and at the same time be safe beyond question; and the moment there is competition among the banks, their safety and stability are endangered. Large dividends, however desirable, can only be paid when a bank loans its money at a high rate of interest, and in order to do that it must run the risk of taking poor security, and such management will in the end inevitably result in loss.

What Can the Matter Be?

Every few years some of our charitable or correctional institutions get out of order or are alleged to be in a demoralized condition, and considerable stir is made to set them right. The State Almshouse at Tewksbury is just now undergoing a rigid investigation. The superintendent, Mr. Marsh, is a kind-hearted man, yet it is alleged that all sorts of abuses exist there—that the insane are grossly abused and neglected, that the female physician is incompetent, and doses her patients beyond reason, that illegitimate children are begotten and born there, that bed bugs and other vermin infest the buildings, and finally, that the bodies of the dead inmates are sold for medical purposes, and the proceeds pocketed by the superintendent. As the Tewksbury Almshouse receives the dregs of society from all parts of the State—the idiotic insane, the hopelessly diseased, the morally debased, and vicious poor, one cannot expect to find a very pleasant condition of things there at any time. The inspectors sustain their superintendent, and believe he has done the best he could under the circumstances. He has been unfortunate in employing too many of his own family as officers, which gives rise to much fault-finding.

An article recently published by the Springfield Republican says that there is great inharmony at the State Primary School between the inspectors and superintendent, and that this inharmony is productive of great detriment to the children. It is also charged that through neglect the mortality there has been unusually large—sixteen children dying in about a month. The Republican considers it worse than heathenish that children are buried without any funeral services. This practice of dispensing with funeral rites is not new. The State institutions at Tewksbury, Bridgwater and Monson, when they were all almshouses, adopted the practice of burying their dead without any service, for the reason that deaths were of common occurrence, and frequency of funerals would keep the institutions constantly in a state of gloom. The juvenile institutions at Westboro and Lancaster have done differently, and since the Monson institution has been converted into a children's School, and deaths are comparatively few, it would be well to change the custom in regard to burials. The Boston Traveler states that the Charitable Committee, at their recent visit to the School, were a good deal dissatisfied—that they found too much flogging there, and were told that boys were stripped to the waist, laid on a board and flogged with a thong. The committee must have got hold of a bogus Charlie Ross when they obtained this information, for whatever sins this institution may be guilty of, it was never guilty of allowing any such kind of punishment.

One great source of trouble with all our public institutions is, they are too large, and the superintendents very naturally incline to keep them as full as possible. The herding system is a bad one, its results always pernicious, and the sooner the State can get out of it the better. There should be small county institutions for our juvenile offenders, and the poor should be always with us, instead of being packed off to State institutions, away from friends, out of sight and out of mind. There is another trouble with our State institutions—they are too much governed. They have boards of local inspectors, or trustees, who visit them weekly, and ought to be familiar with all their operations. Our State Board of Charities also has a general supervision over the Charitable institutions and direct authority in some cases. They visit the institutions from twice to three times during the year, and give directions as they may have power.—The two boards are sometimes in doubt as to which authority belongs, and there is often a conflict of opinion. The law is not always explicit, consequently there is not at all times a clear conception of duty. The Board of State Charities should be the only supervising and directing power over these institutions, or that power should be vested with the local boards. There should be no division of authority, and the superintendents should be held strictly responsible to one of these boards, which could at any time prevent their committing abuses of any kind or usurping supreme authority. It will, probably, be some time before we shall get to this, for progress in the line of humanity is always tardy.

ACCORDING to Rev. Dr. Lippincott of New York, the Methodist Sunday schools of the present day are places of flirtation and match-making, and parlors for the exhibition of dressmakers. He says many of the teachers are immoral, and thousands of children are going to Satan by means of Sabbath school exhibitions and festivals. Really, we had no idea the Methodist brethren had come to such a bad pass as that, and we are quite sure that the Sunday schools up our way, be they Methodist or some other "'ist," are not a quarter that bad. But New York is a dreadful wicked place, anyway—and it's so near Brooklyn, too!

As yet we hear of no investigation into the extravagance of the Hoosac Tunnel, where millions of the State's money and credit have gone to swell our yearly taxes. Is this to be passed over to another year, before the waste can be stopped and the bung hole of the treasury plugged? Will the sage members of the General Court allow their attention to be turned to minor things while this unwarrantable expenditure goes on? The Tunnel lobby is strong at the State House, working secretly, but with untiring energy, and as long as the excitement of investigation can be kept in the direction of the Boston & Albany railroad, and State institutions, the great bore is safe. If, however, the Legislature adjourns without making a thorough investigation of that enterprise, and putting a stop to further waste of money in it, no condemnation by the people can be too loud or severe.

PACKER, the teller of the New London National Bank of Commerce, who stole the $21,500, is dying of consumption and remorse.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

ANY one having a small farm near Palmer which can be rented on shares or exchanged for other property will do well to call at the JOURNAL office.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The boys have been in high glee this week, and the runners to their sleds have got nicely polished.

The private schools closed last Saturday, and the high school is loose for a few weeks of fun.

James H. Davis has broken ground for a new dwelling house on "State Avenue," just over the river in Monson.

Rev. Mr. Sweetser's course of six lectures will be given on successive Wednesday evenings. Season tickets $1.00.

Freddie S. Peck of Monson, only 7 years old, has our thanks for a bright little bunch of trailing arbutus, fresh from the fields.

Holden's grocery team went sailing through the street without anybody at the "hellum" Thursday afternoon, but was stopped without any damage being done.

E. J. Wood has rented the store in Nassowanno block, lately vacated by Mr. Wassum, and will remove his stock of crockery and paper hangings thither.

The steamboat train on the New London Northern road was delayed a couple of hours, Tuesday evening, above Belchertown, by the breaking of a journal on the locomotive.

There will be Universalist services in Union hall to-morrow (Sunday) at the usual hours of service. All are cordially invited to be present. Sabbath school after the morning service.

The members of Anchor of Hope Lodge, I. O. G. T., will have a social gathering and pound party next Wednesday evening. The members of the order only are cordially invited to take part, and meet at their hall at 7.30 p. m.

The mad dog excitement has again pretty much subsided. Two dogs that showed symptoms of hydrophobia, one belonging to William Barnes and the other to Freeman Smith, were promptly killed, last week Friday, and others are still carefully watched.

George H. Cook, for the past three years overseer in the card room of the Palmer Mills at Three Rivers, has gone to Lancaster, Penn., to take charge of the Canastoga Mills in that place, and, as will be seen from our marriage notices, has not gone alone.

Some fifteen of the friends of William B. Bennett, from Springfield, Chicopee and Warren, made him a surprise visit at his residence in Blanchardville, Wednesday evening; the occasion being the fortieth anniversary of his wedding. The gifts they brought for both himself and wife, were appropriate and useful.

Mrs. J. K. Knox has a calla lily with a blossom whose uppermost point stands 46¾ inches above the floor, with several leaves about as high, some of which measure from 11 to 12 inches broad and one of them 14½ inches long. It now has its sixth blossom this winter, and gives promise of more yet. Can anybody beat that?

To judge from the hearty applause and repeated encores, the audience at Tuesday evening's concert were well pleased with the singing of the Springfield vocalists from St. Paul's choir and the Orpheus Club. It was the finest concert of the season, and it is seldom that such soloists as Messrs. Trask and Mulehahey and Mrs. Fowler visit us.

Col. H. R. Stoughton, agent of the N. L. N. R. R. at this station, after 20 years of railroad life, has resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Colby Wringer Co's. works at Reading, Mich. His resignation takes effect at the end of this month. He has sold his house on Park street to Mr. Edgerton, of the firm of Edgerton & Davis, for $3,000.

Next Monday evening Rev. Mr. Murray revisits Palmer to give his exceedingly popular lecture on "Deacons." Those who were unable to hear him at his first lecture should improve this opportunity, and those who heard him then will need little urging to go again. To accommodate all, tickets will be sold at the popular prices of 25, 35 and 50 cents, according to location, and are now on sale at Allen & Cowan's.

When a man's birthday comes only once in four years it certainly ought to be worthy of special remembrance, and so thought the "neighbors and friends" of Dr. A. B. Cowan as they gathered Tuesday evening to give him a surprise visit at the close of his eleventh birthday. In remembrance of his many neighborly kindnesses they brought as peace-offerings, a comfortable easy-chair in which he can hereafter rest his weary frame after a hard day's labor; also a handsomely framed wax anchor. Bro. George Robinson made the presentation speech, the doctor replying with a neat speech of gratitude to the givers. Light refreshments were brought by the guests, while the doctor furnished temperance drinks that would have pleased the strictest tetotaller. St. Paul's choir came over after their concert and enlivened the company with some excellent quartettes. "Many happy returns of the occasion."

TOWN AFFAIRS.

It is time to be thinking about town meeting. The annual report is about ready for printing, and it will show that economy has been used in most cases through the year. But the people of this town, like the people of other towns, are realizing hard times, and want expenses for next year reduced to the lowest figures and will expect smaller appropriations. Some dissatisfaction is expressed concerning school matters, and it is proposed to add three more members to the committee, a rather questionable feature of economy. Some people want a board of selectmen who will license, but the present board have done well in other respects, and would no doubt not make the same mistake in that regard another year. Better be thinking up your best men, gentlemen, for such are in good demand just now.

ENFIELD.

The Swift River company have gone on to three-quarter time, and talk of reducing the number of employes.

The town fathers make a very favorable exhibit in their report, the debt having been reduced to $20,000, which is a part of the railroad subscription. A new school house and sidewalks are wanted.

BELCHERTOWN.

The sleigh manufacturers are happy since the last snow-fall.

There are to be union meetings in the Town Hall every Tuesday evening, with preaching by the different pastors.

The high school will take a fortnight's vacation, commencing two weeek hence.

The approaching town meeting promises to be an interesting one. Among other things the accounts of E. R. Bridgman, former town treasurer, are to be overhauled, the court having decided that he owes the town over $1000, but the general impression is that there is an error in the accounts.

COLLINS' DEPOT.

The young people gave an entertainment, consisting of music, tableaux etc., at Liberty Hall Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Sunday school library.

The Collins Paper Co. has been succeeded by the Collins Manufacturing Co., a part of the officers being chosen at Springfield this week. The stock of the old company, $300,000, is put in at ten per cent. of its face, and the $280,000 of bonds at par. The mill is reported as crowded with business.

LUDLOW.

The ladies of the Cong. church helped "warm" the new house of William Clark at the City, one evening last week.

Rev. D. K. Banister, at the City, has had a severe attack of hemorrhage from the lungs, but is now much better.

The oldest inhabitant is dead—Jacob Strong, of negro and Indian descent, who is supposed to have been over 100 years old.

Mrs. Lydia Lombard, the oldest woman in town, who recently died, remembered many interesting incidents of "ye olden time," and related them with a great deal of pleasure. Her husband's father was once cornered by bears, and obliged to spend a day and night on a rock near the ditch which takes the waters of Broad brook into the reservoir. She well remembered the stir caused by Shay's rebellion, and the desertion of Samuel Olds, one of Ludlow's volunteers in that fiasco.

WALES.

The creditors of Elijah Shaw held a meeting in Boston on Monday, when the liabilities were reported at $500,000, while the assets, estimated at $300,000 to $400,000, would probably not reach even the lowest figure named if the property was forced upon the market. Messrs. Judd of Hartford, J. G. Shed of the firm of Morse, Denny & Co., and Dewey of the firm of Harding, Grey & Dewey, were chosen a committee of investigation. Two of Mr. Shaw's mills are still running, to work off the stock on hand.

There has been a great deal of interest in the meetings at the Baptist church for the past few weeks. It commenced under the preaching of Miss F. E. Townsley, who labored here a couple of weeks, and who was instrumental in bringing a large number to accept of Christ as their Lord. There have been over forty conversions, and still the work goes on.

A. & E. D. Shaw are reported to be somewhat embarrassed, and are running out their stock preparatory to shutting down.

MONSON.

The academy closes next Tuesday.

Rev. Wm. Gordon of Palmer exchanged last Sabbath with Rev. Mr. Adams of the M. E. church.

Rev. Mr. Hammond is improving since his mishap at Medfield. He has been regularly at the academy since he returned, and the fractured arm is gaining rapidly.

Officer M. F. Bacon has had several complaints made to him of late in regard to cruelty to animals, and it appears that there are cases which should be dealt with at once.

On Tuesday afternoon about 20 couples improved the sleighing by visiting landlord Bacon at Belchertown, and speak highly of his accommodations and the entertainment provided.

On Thursday morning M. F. Bacon "arrested a horse" which was coming down meeting house hill with marks of cruelty and stains of blood on him. The owner can have him by proving that he has not been cruelly used.

The Monson Cornet Band will furnish music for the parade at Stafford on St. Patrick's Day.—The boys improve the late snow storms by coasting, and on Wednesday the number of sleds and the noise made by way of warning to "all in the way to clear out," so scared the horse of Samuel McIntosh that he was thrown out of his sleigh and somewhat injured.

Last week Friday evening some boys on Reynold's pond found what appeared to be the body of an infant child. D. G. Potter, as acting coroner, took charge of the body, and after thawing off the ice a full grown male infant was developed. An inquest was held on Saturday, but adjourned one week, to get, if possible, more evidence in regard to how and when the child came to its death. As the investigation was secret all the facts are not as yet public.

WARE AND VICINITY.

J. H. Storrs has bought of Peter Hayes his house on Monroe street.

The graduating class of the high school for the present term numbers ten.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union was formed at the chapel Tuesday afternoon.

The Reform Club meet next Monday evening as usual. The exercises will consist of a debate, speaking, reading and singing.

Horace Bond is taking advantage of the good sleighing and filling his ice house this week. The ice is about ten inches thick.

Evidently the number of pugilists is increasing in Ware—at least it takes a good many for one row, as was illustrated Monday night.

The George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Co. are running their mill on full time, and think business will warrant them in continuing to do so.

Henry Bates and John Kelly, having secretly made themselves possessors of several hundred dollars belonging to Virgil Bates, left last Sunday night for parts unknown.

Thomas Bedard started last week with his wife and child for Canada to make a few days' visit with relatives, when he will continue his journey to California. He expects to make his residence a few miles from San Francisco.

The Young Men's Library Association, Thursday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. H. G. Gilbert, Pres.; M. L. Snow, Vice Pres.; E. L. Cummings, clerk; Geo. S. Snow, assistant clerk; F. D. Gilmore, treas.; C. C. Hitchcock, librarian; directors, D. F. Marsh and E. C. Merriam; committee of entertainments, W. F. Wilson, D. F. Marsh and Geo. B. Cutler. The society now numbers 26.

The Centennial tea party last Tuesday evening was a grand success. The costumes were very numerous and some of them exceedingly rich and tasty. The singing by ye old folks was the best feature of the evening. "Ye Tymeiste" beat well the "tyme" with his tuning fork. "Biled victuals" and doughnuts prevailed in the line of refreshments. The scene was heightened about four o'clock by the appearance of two Indians from West Brookfield.

Besides the election of officers and hearing the reports at the meeting next Monday, the town is asked to determine the manner of repairing the highways for the year ensuing, to see if they will raise and appropriate money for the library, for memorial day, for any part of the town debt, to see if they will authorize the building of an addition to the almshouse, the sale of the old school house in No. 7 district, to see if they will accept the legacy of Orrin Sage, and to accept of several new roads. Judging from the warrant not much retrenchment is called for.

An icicle nine feet in circumference, and reaching from roof to floor, has been formed in the little tunnel at North Adams.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Gas consumers want additional legislation for their protection.

An order has been adopted in the Senate providing that no officer or employe of a banking institution shall hold the office of notary public.

The friends of phonetic spelling want the orthography of the public documents amended in accordance with that system.

Representative Gargan of Boston wants the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to publish in his next report the whole number of laborers in manufacturing establishments in the State, designating who are total abstainers from intoxicating liquors.

Orders have been adopted looking to the equalizing of taxation on deposits in savings banks.

The State Assayer has been instructed to report the names and business location of liquor dealers from whom samples have been taken, with the result of each analysis.

No scientific survey of the state this year. The matter has been referred to the next Legislature.

The law regarding the assignment of wages will not be amended.

A bill has been reported authorizing mortgages by executors and administrators, with consent of the courts.

The big State Prison at Concord is to be built, the House on Wednesday refusing to repeal the act providing for its erection.

The Fidelity Insurance bill has been defeated.

Fragments.

—Been to sleighride?

—The ex-Queen Isabella dyes her hair.

—Cream is the fashionable color for the coming season.

—Whiskey is seventy-five cents a drink in the Black Hills.

—Gen. Bartlett of Pittsfield goes to Europe this week for his health.

—They have got a new City Hall and the small pox at Holyoke.

—"Crooked" cigars have been found by the St. Louis United States Marshal.

—A great year, this. Presidential election, Centennial, fifty-three Sundays—and leap year.

—Eleven births in Lawrence last week, and not a boy among them. Leap year, to be sure.

—California exported 538,200 tons of coal last year, which brought from $8 to $11 per ton.

—Gallant Phil. Sheridan likes the infantry better than any other branch of the service. It's a girl.

—For several years Iowa was the banner Granger State, but it lost seventy-five local granges last year.

—One of the hotels in Cincinnati will charge from $28 to $33 per day for rooms during the session of the Republican National Convention.

—All but two of the exhibition buildings at Philadelphia are completed, and those will soon be done. It is estimated that there will be 6000 carloads to be unloaded and arranged.

—Some young ladies in Michigan sold $4.50 worth of kisses toward a donation for their pastor. Perhaps he would have preferred the kisses.

—An unknown genius entrusted a trunk full of bees to the tender mercies of a Syracuse baggage master the other day. The R. R. company pays for the bees, and the patient will be out in a few weeks.

—Even the potato bugs respect the Centennial epoch. Instead of wearing the black and yellow stripes usual to them, they are this year arrayed in alternate stripes of red, white and blue.

THIS is a sad and startling revelation which comes to us from Washington. Secretary of War Belknap has been detected in receiving bribes, has confessed his guilt, and resigned his office. It seems that the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department in the course of their investigations had before them a man by the name of Marsh, who testified that he had paid to Mrs. Belknap, the Secretary's wife, $10,000 for a post tradeship in the army, and has paid $6000 a year since the first payment. The evidence was so conclusive that on Wednesday the Secretary was summoned before the committee, and asked to explain it, when he acknowledged that the statements were true, and he must submit to his fate. On Thursday the committee reported the case to the House, and resolutions were unanimously adopted impeaching Belknap, notwithstanding the fact that his resignation had already been offered and accepted. Nothing that has occurred since the assassination of Lincoln has caused such intense excitement and commotion in Washington as this terrible disclosure.

A PROPOSITION has been submitted to the government that a committee of scientific experts be appointed to ascertain if there is such a thing as the science of money, and if so, to state what it is; but if not, then to discover or create such a science if possible, and state it in the plainest form upon which they can agree. By all means, let's have it. As it is now, about every other congressman has got a "science" of his own, and is anxious to have the country adopt it.

THEY are pushing away at the Boston & Albany railroad investigation at the State House. Nothing very serious is yet made out, and not likely to be.

ANOTHER ONE.—M. D. Milton, Jr., late teller of the First National Bank at Westfield, has been arrested for embezzlement and forgery on two drafts for $8350 and $5000. He attempted to negotiate them at St. Louis and Denver, getting $200 at a bank in the latter place. The Westfield bank loses nothing.

While some of the patients at the Taunton Insane Asylum were out airing Sunday noon, one woman escaped, and in attempting to cross the river broke through the ice and was drowned.

The town of Grafton is charged with abusing her paupers and tramps, keeping the latter in a large garret room without any fire, and with only a couple of old straw beds and some pieces of comforters to keep them warm, while men and women are often locked in the same room. A few days ago an old man, about 80, was nearly frozen while dressing, the stove pipe which heated his room with several others, being out of repair, while the board refused to fix it. Sundry other charges of neglect and cruelty are made, which would seem to call for an investigation.

Some experiments with young grass-hoppers in Missouri have revealed the disheartening fact that they may be frozen and thawed several times without any apparent diminution of vitality.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

Fizzleville is the name of a town in Oregon.

Forest trees are budding in many parts of Kansas.

There is only one German in Congress and he is from Texas.

Florida and California are each trying to be the first in pease.

Spencer has reduced her town debt the past year about $13,000.

The Turkish troops in Herzegovinia have only bread and onions to eat.

Baltimore, next to Congress, has the most expensive gas in the Union.

A gold ring was found in the paunch of a codfish at Gloucester on Tuesday.

There are said to be about 2,000,000 sheep pastured on the borders of the Rio Grande.

It is announced as a strange fact that in the marriages in 1875 the sexes were about equal.

Of the 38,000 persons employed in watch-making in Switzerland one-third are women.

Libson, N. H., raises 100,000 bushels of potatoes a year, which are converted into stareh.

Ripe strawberries, grown in the open air, were to be seen at Monticello, Ark., as early as Feb. 7.

A "fried onion party" was given in an Indiana town several evenings ago in aid of the Scentennial.

Ohio supports 115,000 dogs. Georgia with less than one-half the population, has 350,000. More dogs than voters.

Three hundred and thirty-seven American hotels were burned in 1875, and not a hotel clerk was as much as scorched.

A clergyman assaulted in Vallejo, Cal., by a loafer did not turn the other cheek, but gave the assailant a sound whipping.

Mrs. Lovering of Oxford, 100 years and 6 months old, went a mile and a half on the 21st inst., to have her picture taken.

Jim Homer, a Tennesseean, 31 years old, is seven feet nine inches high, and still growing at the rate of two inches annually.

An advertisement in a newspaper in England announces that "a grand piano-forte will be exchanged for three or four small pigs."

A man has offered $50,000 for the privilege of sweeping out the centennial buildings. It is claimed that the man can see through a mill stone.

While two men were the other day fishing for shad with a seine in Lake Monroe, Florida, they drew in an alligator six and a half feet long.

The Elmira Advertiser says a doctor in that place removed a tape worm "from a lad that was 96 feet long and had over 1100 joints." Long boy, that.

A machine for shearing sheep is a recent California invention. It facilitates the work immensely, and makes the operation less disagreeable for the animals.

W. B. Ames of West Bridgewater has a 3-year-old Ayrshire heifer which girts 7 feet 4 inches and weighs 1600 pounds. Since last September the animal has gained 330 pounds.

The way they weigh hogs in Kansas is as follows: They first tie the hog to one end of a rail, balance the rail on a fence with rocks at the other end, and then guess how much the rocks weigh.

Religious Items.

....Elder Lutz is making many converts in Springfield.

....The membership of Mr. Spurgeon's church numbers 4,813 persons.

....Ex-Speaker Blaine is a constant attendant of Mr. Rankin's Congregational church, Washington.

....Moody, Whittle, Bliss, and Earle, the Evangelists, all started out from Chicago in their religious work.

....The Unitarian church in Brookfield has substituted water for wine in administering the Lord's Supper.

....Rev. Thomas Burgess, son of Rev. Dr. Burgess of Springfield, accepts the rectorship of the Episcopal church at North Adams.

....The first convert of the American Baptist Mission to Japan, now in its third year, was baptized at Tokio last November.

....Rev. A. J. F. Behrends, D. D., late pastor of a Baptist church in Cincinnati, accepts the pastorate of the Union Congregational church in Providence, R. I.

....A church in Chicago has provided a Kindergarten service for young children whose parents could not otherwise attend morning service.

....A Rhode Island clergyman will not make a "bulletin board" of his pulpit any more, but will only read religious notices.

....In Philadelphia the occupants of the station houses are now invited every Sunday morning to a good breakfast in a house built for the purpose, and after the meal suitable religious services are held.

....The English privy council has decided that Wesleyan ministers may write "Rev." before their names and carve it on their tombstones, a privilege heretofore denied to non-comformists. Inestimable privilege!

....There is a "Systematic Beneficence Society" at Birmingham, Conn., whose aim is to induce persons to set aside a regular per cent. of their incomes for benevolent objects.

....A clergyman who recently received a call to a Rhode Island pulpit, in investigating the question whether previous pastors had been kept for many years, went into a graveyard, and finding that no clergymen were buried there, declined the call.

FIRES.—At Willimantic, Conn., last Saturday night, Starkweather's grist mill, a building used as a machine shop and silk mill, and a store-house were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of some $35,000, insured for about $20,000.——A couple fires at Boston on Sunday partially cleaned out the factory of the Bay State Organ Co., and damaged the Home for Destitute Catholic children to the extent of $5000.——The steamer Mary Belle, the largest boat on the Mississippi, was burned to the water's edge at Vicksburg on Sunday, and three passengers are supposed to be lost. The total loss on vessel and cargo will reach $500,000.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad is to be changed from broad to the standard guage. It will necessitate narrowing the gauge all along 600 miles of railroad, the building of 400 new freight and coal cars, and the alteration of 12,000 coal cars nows in use.

A Prof. Collins of Whitefield, N. H., announces that, after fifteen years of study and experiment, he has solved the problem of cheap fuel and light by discovering a method of burning water, and that he intends soon to take out a patent.

The Graphic says that Winslow's liabilities are set down at $300,000. In addition to this, there is a liability of his going to the State Prison, which is a large one.

CRIMINAL ITEMS.—Caleb Davis of Pittsfield, N. H., in a fit of jealousy on Sunday seized an axe, and after fastening the doors, made a murderous assault on his wife, but she managaed to escape through a window, and fled to a neighbor's.——On Tuesday morning the wife and babe of A. F. Downing of Barre, Vt., were found dead and frozen in the river near the house. Downing and his wife had not lived happily together, and it is supposed she committed the double crime of murder and suicide.——A well-know resident of Hoboken, N. J., has accomplished the ruin of five respectable girls in that city under promise of marriage, and he has now left for the West. Another girl, known as the "belle of Hoboken," and daughter of a wealthy contractor, went into the First National Bank the other day, seized the bookkeeper by the neck and threw a quantity of red pepper into his eyes—another case of love, deception and desertion. The fellow has resigned his position and will spend some time in recovering his eyesight.

When will parents learn not to leave their children locked in the house alone? The latest lesson comes from Cannonville, near New Bedford, where last Saturday a woman left her little four-year-old girl locked in the room while she stepped out to the grocer's. On returning home she found the child under a table, terribly burned and in the last agonies of death. The child had apparently ventured too near the stove, when her dress took fire. She had evidently tried to raise the window, as the carpet under it was burned, while the oil cloth spread to the table, under which she was found, was half consumed. Her clothes were nearly burnt up, while her limbs, body and face were much disfigured, and one hand burnt to a crisp.

SEVERE aches and pains will not get out of fashion for some time to come, and so long as they exist, people will need a good remedy. Renne's Pain-Killing Magic Oil has been tested for more than twenty years, and the universal verdict is, "It works like a charm."

NOTWITHSTANDING the hard times and the scarcity of money, the trade at Fay's popular shoe store, 382 Main street, Springfield, has been daily on the increase. This can be attributed to the fact that they keep a large assortment of boots and shoes, their prices are low, and they deal fairly with all on the "one price" system, showing partiality to no one, and guaranteeing to all perfect satisfaction.

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BORN.

At Springfield, 29th ult., a son to JAMES A. RUMRILL and grandson to Chester W. Chapin.
At Enfield, 28th ult., a son to W. B. DOWNING.
At Middlefield, 28th ult., a son to W. ROYCE, formerly of Wales.

MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 24th ult., GEO. H. COOK and LIZZIE, eldest daughter of J. G. MERRIAM.
At Monson, 29th ult., PATRICK MCDONALD and ELLEN DINNEEN; same day, JOHN DINNEEN and KATE RAGAN, all of Monson.
At Wales, 25th ult., HENRY E. NEWTON of Worcester and ALICE, daughter of Charles Moulton of Wales.
At Monson, Jan. 11th, WARREN TRUMBULL of Monson and ELLA M. JOHNSON of Palmer.
At Brimfield, 1st, by Rev. W. K. Pierce, FRANK E. CARPENTER of Springfield and LIZZIE M. LOMBARD.

DIED.

At Palmer, 15th ult., ROYAL W. SHAW, 53.
At Thorndike, 25th ult., ELI CROSS, 72.
At Monson, 23d ult., LYMAN D. DORMAN, 54.
At West Brookfield, 27th ult., BENJAMIN CUMMINGS, 98.
At Enfield, 25th ult., ESAU MILSOP, 48; 27th ult., ISAAC HANKS, 99.
At Belchertown, 28th ult., Miss LUCY WALKER, 71.
At Longmeadow, 18th ult., PLINY F. BARR, 31.
At Stafford, Conn., 24th ult., REUBEN P. WARDWELL, 73, MARY B. WOLCOTT, 31; 29th ult., SARAH J. HOPKINS, 23, CATHERINE CORCORAN, 75.

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DWIGHT W. ELLIS, Adm.
Monson, Mass., March 2, 1876. 3w49

SHERIFF'S SALE!

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. February 28th, A. D. 1876.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered in the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1876, in favor of Joseph Thompson of Palmer, county aforesaid, and against Cornelius Sullivan of Mousou, in said county, I have taken all the right, title and intcrest that the said Cornelius Sullivan has in and to a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in said Monson, upon both sides of the highway leading from Flynt's Quarries, so called, to Monson depot, and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of said tract, thence westerly by land of the town of Monson to corner of lands of town of Monson, thence southerly by land of said Monson and land of George C. Wilson to land of W. W. Moore, thence easterly to corner of land of said Moore, thence northerly by land of said Moore across said highway to point of departure, together with the buildings thereon standing, the legal title to which stands in the name of Margaret Sullivan; and on Tuesday, the fourth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house of said Cornelius Sullivan, on said premises, I shall offer for sale by public auction, to the highest bidder, said premises and all the right, title and interest of said Cornelius Sullivan therein.
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By virtue of a license issued by the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction on Thursday, the 16th day of March next, at seven o'clock p. m., at the house of Dwight M. Stebbins, in the village of Three Rivers and town of Palmer, the following described real estate, the property of Semphronia Mixter, late of said Palmer, deceased, viz: One undivided thirteenth part of a certain tract of land, situate in the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, with the building thereon, and known as the parsonage of the Baptist church of Three Rivers.
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Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

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By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for said county, on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1876, in favor of Daniel Fosket of Monson, county aforesaid, and against Abner Nutting of Brimfield, in said county, I have taken all the right in equity that the said Abner Nutting had on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1875, the day when the same was attached on mesne process to redeem certain mortgaged real estate situated in said Brimfield, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northerly by land of late Isaac King and Lowrin Blodgett, easterly by land of Charles Collis, southerly by lands of William E. Hitchcock, and westerly by the Chicopee river; also, one other tract bounded northerly by land of James Blair and Calvin R. Shaw, easterly by Calvin R. Shaw and S. N. Powers, southerly on land of Asa Blodgett, and westerly on the highway and on land late of said Powers, being the same premises conveyed to said Abner Nutting by Daby Blodgett by deed dated July 26th, A. D. 1842, recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 124, page 367, and by deed from trustees of Wesleyan Academy dated April 1st, A. D. 1841, recorded book 153, page 218, and by deed of Susannah Chadwick, dated December 14th, A. D. 1850, recorded book 149, page 15, and by deed from Ebenezer Nutting dated September 15, A. D. 1838, recorded book 123, page 52, and by deed from Samuel and Mary Kingsbury dated June 3d, A. D. 1836, recorded book 120, page 574, and by deed from Merneрva Nutting dated September 9th, A. D. 1839, recorded book 124, page 268, all in said Hampden registry of deeds, and being the same described in a deed thereof recorded in Hampden registry of deeds, book 312, page 206, and on the 11th day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the dwelling house of said Abner Nutting, on said premises, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said right in equity of redemption. GEO. W. RANDALL,
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.
JNO. JAY KNOX,
No. 2324. 8w47 Comptroller of the Currency.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Adolphus P. Whipple, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Mary Whipple and Vinet A. Whipple, the administrators of the estate of said deceased, have presented for allowance the first and final account of their administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrators are ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
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To utter a word,
I asked her the question so old,
That wife and that lover
Ask over and over,
As if they were surer when told!

There close at her side,
"Do you love me?" I cried;
She lifted her golden-crowned head;
A puzzled surprise
Shown in her gray eyes,
"Why, that's why I kiss you!" she said.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—MARCH 5th.

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God's Covenant with David.

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Suggestions and Inferences. V. 18. Prosperity, no less than adversity, should prompt to humanity. V. 19 They who are little in their own eyes, yet are called to large responsibility and high honor wonder, even more than other men at the condescension of God to them. V. 20. Such persons feel their obligations to God. But how common the sin of failing to recognize any obligations but those we are under to our fellows. A deep sense of what we owe to God is an indispensable requisite to a religious life. V. 21. God loves his truth.—It is our confidence that God follows his own heart for thus he can do only that which is well.—The Lord takes great pains to make his ways. V. 22. A truth less *felt* than we are aware—that God is the only Sovereign. How often is supreme allegiance given to creatures or things! V. 23. We may draw abundant lessons concerning the divine care from our history as a people. V. 24. It will be a blessed day when we shall find revived among us the ancient feeling, that as citizens, and that as men acting in any capacity whatsoever, we have to do directly with God. Hail the coming day when we shall recognize the presidency of the Lord Jesus Christ! Vv. 25 and 26. Prayer by as well as for those in authority is most fitting and requisite. By as much as their trusts are greater than other men's by so much is their need of divine guidance the more profound. Vv. 27 and 28. The promises of God are the true guide to his people's prayers. The greatness of our request needs be limited only by the magnitude of his promise. V. 29. Without God' blessing none is blessed. Everything embraced within the range of our hopes depends upon the divine furtherance, just as much in these modern as in those ancient times. Let persons, churches, nations, understand this.

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And if he is bad now and then,
And makes a great racketing noise,
They only look over their specks,
And say, "Ah, these boys will be boys!

"Life is only short at the best;
Let the children be happy to-day,"
Then they look for awhile at the sky,
And the hills that are far, far away.

Quite often, as twilight comes on,
Grandmothers sing hymns, very low,
To themselves as they rock by the fire,
About Heaven and when they shall go.

And then, a boy stopping to think,
Will find a hot tear in his eye,
To know what will come at last;
For grandmothers all have to die.

I wish they could stay here and pray,
For a boy needs their prayers ev'ry night;
Some boys more than others, I s'pose;
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Our Doctor's name was Brown, but nobody ever called him by it except strangers. He was Dr. John to all the town, and if any one had addressed him in a more formal way, he would have felt almost hurt. It was a good deal with our Doctor as it was with Charles Lamb. Who among his friends would have spoken of him as *Mr.* Lamb? And how would the gentle, genial Lamb have taken it, if they had? One can judge easily enough, remembering his pathetic words when one of his oldest friends and friend of his father died—"To the last he called me Charley. I have none to call me Charley now."

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Let us, however, honor her high ideal—for her tidiness, and trimness, and precision were only virtues carried to excess. And then, if she had not been just what she was, the Doctor's lot would have been too bright for this world; and besides there would have been no occasion for writing this little story about the parrot.

He was so faithful and skillful a physician; he carried the little children so comfortably through all their maladies; he was so patient toward the half-ailing and much complaining; so free with his services to the poor; so ready to go by day or night, whether there was any prospect that he would ever be paid or not; so tender and so considerate to all, that he was always receiving little tokens of grateful love from all classes of people. There never was a man who had more friends, and they were constantly sending him things. Generally they were things good to eat; but he would not have been the unselfish person I have made him out to be, if he had kept them all for his own table. He made them a double pleasure by dividing them—that is the result in moral mathematics, where the half is more than the whole. So invalids, poor people, aged folk, and all those who were unlikely to have delicacies in their season, were pretty certain to have a share of the maple syrup and honey, the asparagus and celery and early peas, and spring chickens and lamb, which followed each other in annual procession to the Doctor's house. The old ladies knit stockings for him—they would do it, in spite of his protest—until he had such a surplus that he began to supply the inmates of the almshouse and a certain hospital which he was interested in.

One day there came a different kind of present—a parrot, resplendent in shingreen, in a great strong cage, and with him a note from a stranger who had been taken sick while traveling through the town, and been helped by Dr. John, who, having been brought up in an old-fashioned Scriptural way, always extended special courtesy and kindness to strangers. The note said that the bird was an uncommonly intelligent and ready-spoken one, but had peculiarities, and would not show off well for awhile.

The Doctor was at first highly delighted, but his wife insisted that it was the poorest fee he had ever received. She could hardly tolerate two canaries in the house, and how could she live with a parrot? It was not on account of the noise. She had such a sharp eye for a speck of "litter," as she called it, that she could see a canary seed clear across the room, if one of those birds was so unlucky as to let one drop on the carpet.

Doctor John was generally yielding; you could not make him fret or quarrel; he was of too even a temper for that; but in the case of the canaries, he insisted from the first on keeping the cage in the sitting-room, where he could see and hear them whenever he was at home. He had so much business, such a great range of territory to ride over—it was a large country town with numberless hills—that he was absent most of the time; and it was better for his mental and spiritual, if not physical health that it was so, because he loved bright sunshine, the sound of human voices, and seeing many people, whereas Mrs. John wanted the house kept darkened and quiet and in perfect order. She was as tormenting in her precision and neatness as a woman could be, and at the same time be a Christian. A Christian she was, as no one doubted, but as our pastor charitably said, this was her fault—everybody has at least one.

There were no children in the house. They could not have lived there—at least they could not have thrived in such an atmosphere. The chairs were not suffered to remain one minute out of their places after they were vacated. Mrs. John had them all back in their respective corners the instant the door closed behind her visitors. The curtains never swerved from the perpendicular—nothing hung awry where she was. The books were arranged by line and measure—they were not to be taken down except by persons who would put them back just where they belonged. The paint and glass were speckless.—Everything had a place, and everything must be in its place. Mrs. John would see to that, whatever might be the claims of friends or the wants of the poor; whatever might be the privileges, the duties, the calls, which others appreciated, and to which they were responsive. All else might be left undone, if her work was only done, and done in her way.—And to that end she must do it herself. The present generation furnished no available woman who could be trusted with such great interests. Therefore society must be given up, that this one plain duty might be fully attended to. And it was. But that was not a pleasant house to go to. It was, in fact, an awful place.

Doctor John loved pets. He had two horses that he valued like human friends.—He had a dog that always stayed in the office, except when off with him. Mrs. John would have wanted him killed instantly if he had shed a few hairs on the sitting-room sofa or hearth-rug, and the intelligent creature knew it, and kept where he was welcome and at home. The Doctor had doves out over the stable; rabbits, and all manner of barn-yard fowls—every one tame enough to come to him. And in the house he had a window full of plants, and that pair of canaries.

Mrs. John was willing that he should have one window, if he would be careful and take such precautions that no water should be spattered on the glass, and no dead leaves be allowed to fall on the carpet. All of which he good-naturedly acceded to. A great zinc tray was made to fit the window-seat, and therein the pots were placed; and flowers bloomed under the influence of the sunshine without, and the sunshine of his kindly face. Every morning early, and every time he came home, the next-door neighbors could see that bronzed and weather-beaten face of the beloved physician peering in among the luxuriant plants which made a perfect bower of greenness, and his hands tenderly parting the branches, tying up a vine, removing the withered leaves, or gently holding a flower—those hands which had soothed so many aching heads and bound up so many wounds—the kind hands that did so much good to his fellow-beings. Flowers reward those who love them, and in his window-garden they were always in abundance; and many were the delicious bouquets he carried away, of glowing roses, white lilies, trusses of heliotrope, mignonette, and violets, to dispense their silent blessing of bloom and fragrance in the chambers of the sick.

The canaries sung, and chirped, and fluttered, and were full of delight when he came home.

But as for the parrot—what could be done with him? The air of the office was unhealthy for a bird, for there Doctor John kept his medicines—being, like most country physicians, his own druggist. The mistress of the house said that he must stay in the kitchen. And to the kitchen he went. There was no alternative. They must keep him because he was a gift; otherwise she would have proposed sending him off. But she was very unwilling to allow him even a corner of the kitchen. He was an "unclean bird," she said with emphasis.

Now that parrot had previously been made a great deal of, for he was an uncommonly good talker, and said many queer things; and he resented his treatment, and was sulky from the first. Not a word out of his head. Not so much as "Pretty Polly." Days went by; the Doctor was away more than usual, and when he was at home he had not much time to devote to the parrot; still he always gave him some choice bits to eat, and petted him, and this the bird appreciated, as will be seen in the end.

Mrs. John was more than ordinarily engrossed in her household duties for it was about the time of "spring cleaning;" and as soon as that was over she had to make preparations for a week's absence from home, and there was no time to talk to a parrot. So the creature had a solemn life of it in that kitchen, listening to the never-ceasing voice of the clock, which said nothing else from morning till night and night till morning, but "Clean—house! clean—house!"

Some clocks say one thing, and some another. They are alike monotonous, but their words vary in different places. It depends partly on the room, partly on the people and partly on circumstances. I know a house where there have been many deaths, and the ancient clock repeats, "All-gone! all-gone!" from one year's end to another. And one which stands in a corner of the great hall in a certain bustling house, says continually, "Keep—on! keep—on!" but this clock in Mrs. John's kitchen uttered the ceaseless burden, "Clean—house! clean—house!" which was the most the parrot heard, except the daily inquiry at the back-door, "Where is Dr. John?" which he might have learned to repeat before he had been there a week. But only one word would he say, and that with the utmost impatience, when he was spoken to, was:

"What! what! what! *what!*"

Mrs. John finished her spring cleaning, having washed and ironed and put up every curtain—and put them down, also—and seen that every carpet was free from dust, every bed aired, beaten, and made up with geometrical precision; in fact, that evening was frigedly, painfully, awfully clean, then she sent for an experienced woman to come, gave her the most minute instructions about keeping the house, and then with many misgivings departed for a visit.

Sunday night came round. She was to return the next forenoon; so the house-keeper in charge resolved to have the family washing done bright and early in the morning before the mistress came—Monday being the established washing-day in that, as in all well-regulated New England families, any deviation from which would bring confusion not only into the week, but into the order of the universe. So she prepared for her morning's fire by placing a bountiful supply of wood and kindlings behind the stove, and retired early to her dormitory in the upper regions.

The Doctor sat up late reading; passed out through the kitchen, stopping a long time to say a great many friendly things to the parrot, who had brightened up wonderfully within the last five days, and went to bed in his room beyond. He had not more than dropped asleep when he was aroused by hearing a voice cry, "Where's Dr. John? Where's Dr. John?" He was a light sleeper, and this started him up in a minute. While he was striking a match, the same voice cried as of one in desperation—"Where's Dr. John? Where's Dr. John? Fire! Fire!" He thought it was the house-keeper, and rushed out as quickly as possible. No need of a match; the kindlings had been left too near the stove, had slowly dried, and at last ignited, and were now blazing brilliantly. And then the parrot, tearing at his bars, shrieked, "Where's Dr. John? Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!"

One pail of water quenched the flames. A few minutes' work removed the charred remnants of the wood; and except for the scorching of the chimney-piece, and the smoking of the ceiling, and the destruction of a few articles on the mantle, and a vile, black pool on the nice oil-cloth, no harm was done.

The Doctor hung over the neglected parrot with delight; and the bird seemed to understand it all, and to be in raptures at what he had done screaming "Fire! Fire! Fire!"

With the next morning came the mistress; and when she had found what a calamity they had escaped, she was a different woman in a moment. What if the house had burned? And, oh dear, if John had burned in it! And then she broke down and cried like a baby, for the good man certainly was very dear to her, and all at once it came into her mind that she had not done what she might to make him happy. She understood then how much more precious he was than everything else, and it was revealed to her, as if by a flash of light, that her ways had been a real trial to him, and he so patient too!

First she cried, then she laughed, and then she cried again; and the parrot looked on with a knowing and ridiculous cock of his head, and then, in utter amazement at the sight, called out at the top of his voice; "What! what! what! what!"

At this, she darted from the Doctor to the bird and said, "Oh, you dear, old bird! I will always take good care of you. I will!"

"Unclean bird! Unclean bird!" retorted the parrot in high delight; and then, to her utter discomfiture, and to the amusement of both, this creature, who had now found his voice, fixing his eye saucily upon her, shrieked out, as loud as he could:

"You are always scrub, scrub, scrubbing!"

LEAF PHOTOGRAPHS.

A very pretty amusement, especially for those who have just completed the study of botany, is the taking of leaf photographs. One very simple process is this: At any druggist's get a dime's worth of bichromate of potash. Put this in a two ounce bottle of salt water. When the solution becomes saturated,—that is, the water has dissolved as much as it will,—pour off some of the clear liquid into a shallow dish; on this float a piece of ordinary writing paper till it is thoroughly moistened. Let it become nearly dry, in the dark. It should be of a bright yellow. On this put the leaf; under it a piece of black soft cloth and several sheets of newspaper. Put these between two pieces of glass, (all the pieces should be of the same size), and with spring clothes-pins fasten them together. Expose to a bright sun, placing the leaf so that the rays will fall upon it as nearly perpendicular as possible. In a few moments it will begin to turn brown, but it requires from half an hour to several hours to produce a perfect print. When it has become dark enough, take it from the frame and put it in clear water, which must be changed every few miutes till the yellow part becomes perfectly white. Sometimes the veinings of the leaves will be quite distinct. By following these directions it is scarcely possible to fail, and a little practice will make perfect.

A LITTLE MISTAKE.—An insurance agent called into an establishment on Main street the other day with a large account book under his arm, and walking up to the proprietor in a business sort of way he inquired: "How's stock?" "Oh, business is very, very dull," returned the tradesman; "'pon my word I haven't got $900 in the house. Terrible dull!" And he paused and looked inquiringly at his visitor. "Only $900!" said the insurance man in surprise. "'Pon my soul, sir," said tho dealer, "I don't believe there's a dollar more—look for yourself," and the man looked sad and sighed. "Then, sir," said the insurance man, "how does it come that your stock is insured in our company for $4,500, eh?" "Oh, ah! beg your pardon!" exclaimed the dealer in confusion; "I thought you was the tax man! I was sure you was the tax gatherer, or 'pon my soul, I wouldn't a-said that, when, in fact, my stock is worth fully $8,000—look for yourself, sir!"

PIE-CRUST WITHOUT LARD.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars are worse than wasted in the use of lard made into pie-crust annually. To be sure, a white, flaky crust looks nicer and tastes better, but it lays the foundation for dyspepsia, rheumatism, gout and palsy. For years I have been experimenting to find out how to make a palatable pie-crust without lard, and this is the way: Take good, rich buttermilk, soda and a little salt, and mix just as soft as can be mixed and hold together. Have plenty of flour on the moulding-board and rolling-pin; roll very thin; then make and bake as other pies, or rather in a slower oven, and when the pie is taken from the oven do not cover up.—*Country Gentleman.*

THE OLD MAN.—It is a great year for the old man. Grandfathers who have been neglected and made to feel that they were in the way, and wished they were dead, who have long been thrust away in the kitchen and left to mumble to themselves in the chimney corner, are astonished at being brushed up of an evening and brought into the parlor, where they are shown off to the company as Centennial relics. "Grandfather, you knew Washington, didn't you?" screams a granddaughter in his ear, for he is very deaf. "Yes, yes," says grandfather, "the Gin'rel borrer'd a chaw terbaeker of me many and many a time." The old man is going to Philadelphia, sure.

PREPARING FOR THE WORST.—A man in Providence who was recently bitten by a mad dog has adjusted all his business affairs, paid all his bills, made his will, had a room constructed for his use, and made other arrangements for his own and his family's benefit when he shall be attacked with hydrophobia.

"Have you children?" demanded a house renter. "Yes," replied the other, solemnly; "six—all in the cemetery." "Better there than here," said the landlord consolingly, and proceeded to execute the desired lease. In due time the children returned from the cemetery, whither they had been sent to have a nice play; but it was too late to annul the contract.

There are two words in the English language that contain all the vowels in regular succession, and if a person is willing to live *abstemiously*, and not regard the statement *facetiously*, he will see what the words are.

The Hon. Potiphar Peagreen, of the Georgia legislature, rose in his seat the other day and asked a member the meaning of the word geology. The member told him it was "a species of vaccination."

How to raise beets—take hold of the tops, and pull.

The Cross.

Blest they who seek,
While in their youth,
With spirit meek,
The way of truth.
To them the sacred Scriptures now display
Christ as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Calvary was given
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven,
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of his Savior's grace.
For them He bore
His Father's frown,
For them He wore
The thorny crown;
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That His life's loss
Might be our gain.
Then haste to choose
That better part,
Nor e'en dare refuse
The Lord thy heart,
Lest He declare,
"I know you not,"
And deep despair
Should be your lot.
Now look to Jesus who on Calvary died,
And trust on Him who there was crucified.

A SLIPPERY TIME.

She came tripping from the church door, her face flushed by emotions awakened by the just uttered discourse, and eyes bright with loving expectation. He shivered on the curbstone, where for an hour he had waited impatiently with a burning heart fairly palpitating in his throat, and frozen fingers in his pockets. They linked arms and started for the residence of her parents. After a few moments' hesitating silence he said: "Jane, we have known each other long. You must have clear down at the bottom—Oh, Moses!"

He had slipped down on the ice with so much force that his spine was driven up into his hat, and his hat was tipped over his nose, but she was a tender-hearted girl. She did not laugh, but she carefully helped him to his feet, and said:

"You were saying, John, when you slipped, that the foundation—oh, goodness!"

She slipped herself that time, and saw little stars come down to dance before her eyes, but he pulled her up in haste and went on:

"Yes, just as I said, clean down at the bottom of my heart there is a fervent love on which I build my hopes. That love has helped me face—thunder!"

He went down again, but scrambled up before she could stoop to lift him, and she said, breathlessly:

"Yes, yes, John. You remember you just said a love which helped you stand face thunder. And that you founded your hopes on—this pesky ice!"

There she sat. John grasped the loose part of her sacque, between the shoulders, with one hand, and raised her to her feet, as one would lift a kitten from a pail of water by the back of the neck. Then he said with increased earnestness:

"Of course, darling, and I have longed for an opportunity to tell my love and to hear those sweet lips whisper—whoop!"

Somehow John's feet had slipped from under him, and he slipped down like a capital V with his head and feet pointing skyward. She twined her taper fingers in his curling locks and raised him to the stature of a man, put his hat firmly over his eyes with both hands, and cried in breathless haste:

"I understand, and let me assure you, John, that if it is in my power to lighten your cares and make brighter your journey through life to—Jerusalem!"

John stood alone, and said with breathless vehemence:

"Oh, my precious! and thus shall it be my lifelong pleasure to lift you from the rude assaults of earth and surround you with the loving air of—Texas!"

They crept along on their knees up the front steps, and were soon forgetful of their bumps on the softest cushion of the parlor sofa.

A well-known bald-headed banker, who always prides himself on being a self-made man, during a recent talk with a friend had occasion to remark that he was the architect of his own destiny—that he was a self-made man. "W-w-what d-did you s-say?" asked the friend, who stuttered. "I say with pride that I am a self-made man—that I made myself." "H-hold," interrupted the friend, "w-while you were m-making yourself, why the dickens d-did-didn't you p-put some more h-hair on the top of your head?"

A man who hadn't much talent for conundrums, in attempting to get off one at a tea party at his own house, the other evening, got exceedingly mixed. He intended to ask the old question, "Why is a woman like ivy?" the familiar but gallant answer to which is, "Because the more you're ruined the closer she clings." But he put it, "Why is ivy like a woman?" which none of the ladies could tell, and so the unfortunate man himself told them it was "Because the closer it clings the more you're ruined."

A correspondent writes in the Scientific American that the worst toothache, or neuralgia, coming from the teeth, may be speedily and delightfully ended by the application of a small bit of cotton, saturated with a strong solution of ammonia, to the defective tooth. Sometimes the sufferer is provoked to momentary nervous laughter by the application, but the pain has disappeared.

Rainwater brings down yearly about twelve pounds of ammonia per acre of ground. To supply an equal amount in sulphate of ammonia at six cents per pound would cost the farmer $2.88, and this is therefore the manurial value of rain. To this, however, must be added a certain quantity of nitric or nitrous acids.

It is stated upon German authority, that the unpleasant taste imparted to milk and butter by feeding turnips, &c., may be removed by simply throwing into each pan of milk of four or five quarts, as much saltpeter as will lie on the point of a knife, when a gelatinous mass will separate from the milk, and settle to the bottom.

The following conversation took place the other evening at a tea table in Bangor, Me.: Five-year-old to his mother—"Mother, can I have a cooky?" "No, my son." "Mother can I have a quarter of a cooky?" "No, my son?" "Can I have a crumb of a cooky?" "No!" "Well, then, can I smell of a cooky?"

A Western paper makes the following correction: "In our obituary notice of Mr.—— yesterday, for the phrase 'He was a noble and pig-headed man,' read 'He was a noble and big-hearted man.'"

It has been demonstrated that an acre of water is of more value than an acre of land for the production of food.

GARDEN SEEDS.

Six or seven days ago an old man entered the store of a Detroit hardware man, who also deals in seeds, and, inquiring for the proprietor, soon stood face to face with him.

"Want to see me?" asked the dealer.

"Yes, sir, I do! Seven years ago this coming spring I bought a paper of seeds of you!"

"I presume so."

"I'll swear to it, sir. Seven years ago, sir, and not one of those seeds came up."

"Well, that's funny," laughed the dealer.

"You think it was," said the old man, "but I'll make it cost you ten thousand dollars! When you sold me those seeds, sir, you did not know that you were dealing with a lion!"

"Well, stop your blowing and get out of here!"

"Give me a package of cabbage seeds, sir!"

"I won't!"

The old man went away, but in an hour returned and said in a loud voice:

"Seven years ago this coming spring I bought a package of seeds at this store. Not one of those seeds arose from the sile!"

He was ordered out and he went out. He was there the next morning as soon as the proprietor was, and he said:

"Seven years ago this coming spring you sold me a package of seeds. Not one single seed matured to manhood!"

He was put out that time, but he returned in the afternoon, when the store was full of customers, and exclaimed:

"Seven years ago this coming spring I was swindled by that man there! He sold me a package of garden seeds, not one seed of which ever thruv!"

When he went out something hit him three or four times in the back. He went down the street for awhile, and then returned and stood in front of the store and said to the people who passed:

"Seven years ago this coming spring this store here sold me garden seeds that never sprouted!"

He repeated the words over and over until a crowd began to gather, when he was called in and given a dozen papers of seeds and told to forgive and forget.

"Six papers of onion seed to pay for the choking!" he said as he buttoned his overcoat.

They were given him, and when stowed away he remarked, "six papers of cucumber seed to pay for four kicks!"

After some argument these were handed him, and as he backed out of doors he said:

"It's all right; you've acted like a man about it, and if you want any vegetables next fall I'll make a discount to you."—*Detroit Free Press.*

An Indianapolis cat got to playing with a small turtle the other day, and was having a nice time tumbling it around, when suddenly the turtle's jaws closed on the cat's tail. There was some very lively tumbling then on the part of the cat, to an accompaniment of her own selection. Two hours after she was seen examining that tail tenderly, evidently wondering if the piece would grow out again.

After giving Sandy certain directions about kirk matters, the minister sniffed once or twice, and remarked: "Saunders, I fear you have been 'tasting' this morning." "Deed, sir," replied Sandy, with the coolest effrontry, set off with a droll glance of his brown eyes—'deed, sir, I was just ga'in to observe I thocht there was a smell o' speerits amang us this mornin' !"

A man has just been awarded by a New York jury $18,000 damages against the city for injuries received from a street awning which fell under an accumulation of snow, in the winter of 1872. It was held that awnings are nuisances, and that by tolerating them the city becomes responsible for all damages.

Every one should know that hot water will restore cut flowers that are faded by being worn on the dress or carried in the hand. Cut half an inch from the end of the stem, and put directly into boiling water; the petals will smoth and resume their beauty in a few minutes.

The time for a man to stand firmly by Job's example is when he washes his face with home-made soap and begins to paw around over the chairs with his eyes shut, inquiring for a towel, quick, and is told that the towel is in the drawer, but the keys are lost.

A Cleveland councilman voted in favor of putting new seats in the council chamber, because, as he said, "when a chair slipped from under a member, the papers said he was drunk." He wanted chairs that wouldn't slip.

A Mrs. Powell of Greenridge, Staten Island, put a hot brick in her wagon on Monday, to keep her feet warm, and, the straw taking fire, she was burned to death, and her daughter seriously injured.

It has been demonstrated that for telgraphic purposes the English language is twenty-five to thirty-three per cent. cheaper than the French, German or any other language.

"Is the captain of your ship a religious man?" asked a city missionary of a Jack tar. "Yes," replied the latter; "o' course he is—that is, when he ain't drunk."

"Remember," said a trading Quaker to his son, "in making thy way in the world, a spoonful of oil will go further than a quart of vinegar."

A Mexican girl living at Tusceolo has three well developed arms. She can do up her hair without cramming her mouth full of hair pins.

The Marquis of Mantcyazza of Milan has been arrested for forging King Victor Emanuel's name to a bill for 200,000 francs.

It's a singular coincidence that Babcock and Beecher were acquitted on the same day. It settles the whole thing, of course.

The revival feeling is spreading, but it hasn't got down deep enough to affect arrearages on country newspaper books.

The people of Mobile ought certainly to be loyal. They are luxuriating on fresh green pease and new potatoes.

It is said that figures won't lie; but the figures of some women are very deceptive, to say the least.

A boarding establishment—a carpenter's shop.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1876.

THEY have got about through with investigating the Boston & Albany railroad matter at Boston, and the further they get, the better it looks for President Chapin in his transaction concerning the Ware River Road. The officers of the road very generally agree that the lease of the Ware River Road was a good thing.

PINCHBACK, who came to Washington three years ago from Louisiana with two sets of credentials, one as Representative, which the House refused to recognize, and the other as Senator, and who has been trying to get into the Senate ever since, was on Wednesday given a final quietus, the Senate by a vote of 29 to 32 declaring him not entitled to a seat.

THE Chinese, who have always been an exclusive nation, are gradually letting down the bars and becoming somewhat more civil and civilized. The latest and most important step they have taken in this line is the appointment of Chin Lan Pin and Yung Wing as joint ministers to the United States, Peru and Spain, thus placing themselves voluntarily among the family of nations. Other appointments are likely to follow.

THE statement is made that so mixed up are the Hoosac Tunnel accounts that the Auditor could not give a comprehensive statement of the various expenses connected with the great bore if he should attempt it. For the last five years the annual appropriation for engineering has been $25,000, but the expenses have averaged $16,681.30 more than that each year. And yet no steps are taken by our Legislature towards an investigation of this leak. Their attention is too much taken up with the Boston & Albany spigot to notice this bunghole.

PRESIDENT GRANT has made two capital nominations this week—those of Hon. Richard H. Dana, Jr., of Boston, for Minister to England, and Hon. Alphonso Taft of Cincinnati as Secretary of War. Mr. Dana was United States Attorney for Massachusetts from 1861 to 1866, and has a wide and enviable reputation, and will fill the English mission with credit to himself and to his country. Mr. Taft is a lawyer of first class ability and unimpeachable character. It is reported that the President's first choice for the vacancy in the cabinet was Judge Hoar, or Senator Morrill of Maine, both of whom declined the honor.

BOWEN'S statement, which he read before the examining committee recently, and in which he gaveh is reasons for believing Beecher guilty of the crimes charged against him, has been published. He says that a lady confessed to him more than ten years ago that Beecher had had criminal intercourse with her frequently, which was terminated only by her discovery that another lady was also in the enjoyment of his attentions. He also speaks of suspicious relations of Beecher with other ladies of his church, but will give no names. We have had about enough of these unsustained charges, and unless they can be proved the public will be slow in accepting them from the mouth of Mr. Bowen.

IN the course of the Babcock trial, Attorney General Pierrepont was charged with betraying the secrets of the prosecuting attorneys, which had been entrusted to him, and it was intimated that the publication of his confidential letter to the District Attorneys was at least allowed by him. But it has transpired that Babcock himself, finding it among the President's official papers, and understanding the great service its publication would be to him, copied it and furnished it to his counsel, who caused its publication. As soon as President Grant learned of this breach of faith, Babcock was at once relieved from further service at the White House. The President also sent off Luckey, the assistant Secretary, and Col. Fred Grant, who has been acting as Secretary, ordering him to join his regiment in the West, thus making a thorough sweep. His son Ulysses is now acting as Secretary.

THERE is rather a bad look about the resignation of Gen. Schenck, our minister to England. He embarked last Saturday for home, "on leave of absence," to testify in the Emma Mine investigation. Before he sailed a writ was served on him to bring him before the English courts for complicity in that fraud, but he exercised his privilege as U. S. Minister and disregarded the writ. As soon as he was safe at sea, Mr. Dana was nominated to succeed Schenck "resigned," and it is now understood that his resignation has been in the hands of the President for a month. It looks, on the surface, as though the President had assisted Schenck in escaping from the British courts, a procedure which would be a serious affront to Great Britain; and our Government has enough sins to father without putting its foot into any such mess. The transaction will doubtless be overhauled in Congress.

There have been three accidents on the Troy & Greenfield Railroad within the past fortnight, caused in each case by freight cars running off the track, and resulting in a total loss of 23 cars, besides the damage to the road and bridges. There is evidently a loose screw somewhere, though it is said that the necessarily sharp curves are the principal cause of the accidents.

There was a narrow escape from a serious fire in the capitol at Washington one day last week. A lot of papers had been piled against an open flue, and a spark from below ignited them, setting them into a blaze at once. Fortunately some persons were in the room, and the prompt application of a few buckets of water extinguished the flames.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

The plague has appeared on the banks of the Euphrates.

Out of 52,465 primary school teachers in Prussia only 3,881 are women.

When a man arrives at the age of sixty it is time he should quit acting like sixty.

A considerable reduction in the force of the Dwight mills of Chicopee is expected soon.

It is said that Fanny Fern, with her dying breath urged her husband to marry her daughter.

There was but one death in the town of Monroe in 1875. No births or marriages occurred.

The Legislature of Maine has determined to sell all the islands off the coast owned by the State.

A negro woman in Opelika, Ala., has given birth to triplets, two of whom are black and one white.

It is said that a young lady recently died in Bangor, Me., from poisoning by eating colored candy.

An inquest on the body of a frozen man in Seneca, Cal., was interrupted by his thawing out and coming to life.

The first white child was born in Iowa thirty-six years ago, and is now living. To-day there are over 500,000 Hawkeyes by birth.

On the cards recently issued to a silver wedding at Columbus, Ohio, was the following modest warning: "Please avoid dollar stores."

The Senate of Finland has voted 600,000 marks for a canal from the White Sea to the Baltic.

Among an invoice of old paper stock received at a Norwich paper mill recently was $50,000,000 in cancelled United States bonds.

Arbor-day has become a permanent institution in Minnesota. The Legislature has appropriated $2500 for cash premiums to tree planters.

Capt. Crowell of Ludlow, Pa., has a live three-year old brook trout with two perfectly developed heads. Of course he will take him to the Centennial.

A hunting party in Granby, Vt., recently slaughtered 14 deer, the crust being such that the men could go along on it easily, while the deer cut through.

James Hill of East Wakefield, N. H., 87 years of age, lives within five rods of the depot, was never on the cars; lives on the main stage line and never rode in a coach.

J. W. Hiff has a cattle ranche in northern Colorado 156 miles long, upon which 20,000 head are maintained. He will this year sell stock to the amount of $200,000.

A London physician warns women who would take pride in surrounding themselves with "olive branches" after marriage, to beware of much exertion in gymnaslums.

"An oyster weighing seven and a half pounds in its jacket" is the weigh a Newburg paper describes a monster bivalve which sold for 25 cents, and made a meal for the man who bought it.

They find it hard work to keep the wolf from the door in Minnnesota this winter. One walked up to a railroad depot the other day, and quietly proceeded to make his dinner off a pile of hides lying on the platform.

A petrified skull, human, but of peculiar shape and filled with crystals of a beautiful green color, was picked up in a gully at Oreana, Nevada, recently. The local savants consider it a pre-Adamite relic.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The railroad committee began the investigation of railroad commissioner Briggs and his bridges yesterday.

A Senate committee reports inexpedient to legislate on the House bill to regulate passenger and freight tariffs on railroads.

The House has passed a bill abolishing the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, by a close vote. There will be an effort to save it in the Senate.

A bill has been reported requiring the consent of the Railroad Commissioners as well as of the County Commissioners to all grade crossings of railroads and highways.

Representative Gardner of Palmer is on the committee appointed in the House to investigate charges of corruption and bribery in connection with the new big prison.

The Senate has defeated by a vote of 11 to 19, the bill giving to all women the right to vote in municipal elections.

The House has passed a resolve asking the Massachusetts delegation in Congress to urge the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures.

An effort is being made to repeal the law authorizing cities and towns to subscribe for railroad stock.

THE past week has been an exciting one in Washington. There seems to be a serious hitch in the impeachment of ex-secretary Belknap, caused by the flight to Canada of Marsh, the witness whose testimony was relied upon to convict him; and Mr. Clymer, the democratic chairman of the committee, finds himself pretty soundly berated for allowing Marsh to leave. The democrats, in their whole treatment of the case, are so plainly anxious to make party capital out of the affair that the whole country is becoming disgusted with them. An effort will be made to get Marsh to return under a promise of immunity from arrest. Belknap has been arrested, in the meantime, and admitted to bail in the sum of $25,000. As might be expected, rumors of all kinds are afloat, implicating numerous other officials, high and low, in corrupt practices; but it will be well to wait until the smoke is cleared away somewhat before making up one's mind that all are guilty.

A Mrs. Plum, who has been working in the hotel at Bridgeport, Vt., gave her little seven year old son a dose of corrosive sublimate last week Wednesday, from the effects of which he died. She then attempted to commit suicide by taking a dose of the same deadly poison, but through the prompt efforts of physicians, will probably recover. Her husband deserted her a while ago, which is supposed to be the cause of her sad act

A new plan for heating cars has been tried with success on a horse railroad in Chicago—placing red-hot shot, weighing 100 pounds each, in a box under the car, with registers to admit the heat. Five of these, the inventor claims, will heat a railway car for four hours.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

ANY one having a small farm near Palmer which can be rented on shares or exchanged for other property will do well to call at the JOURNAL office.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Snow all gone, but the mud lingers.

We had a fine foretaste of "ethereal spring" the first of the week.

Bluebirds made their first appearance in this village Tuesday morning.

Rev. A. H. Sweetser's second lecture will be on Thursday evening next at 7.30. Admission 20 cents.

"Christ the Light of the World" will be the subject of the Sabbath school concert at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon.

Parties who purchased tickets for Mr. Murray's lecture, will have their money refunded by returning the tickets to Allen & Cowan.

The subject of the Congregational Sunday School Concert, to-morrow afternoon, will be "Saul and David," a review of the lessons for the past quarter.

A party of fellows who spent a night in the tramp room last week didn't wait for the keeper to let them out in the morning, but broke through the door and left without stopping to repair damages.

There was a partial eclipse of the moon Friday morning, commencing at twenty-five minutes past twelve and continuing two hours. Young ladies and gents interested in celestial matters doubtless made a note of it.

There will be Universalist services to-morrow (Sunday) in Union Hall at the usual hours of worship. Preaching by Rev. J. H. Moore of Warren. All are cordially invited to be present. Sabbath school at close of morning service.

Rev. Mr. Murray, by reason of a severe cold and hoarseness, was obliged to break his Palmer engagement for Monday evening, and late in the afternoon sent a telegram to that effect. It is now hardly probable that he will visit Palmer again this season.

Henry H. Perry, the well-known carpenter and builder of this village, died very suddenly at his residence on Central street Monday evening. He had been out during the evening in usual health, and on coming home started to wind his clock, when he suddenly fell dead, in the presence of his family. He has been troubled with heart disease for some time.

A. C. Kendall, a former well known resident of this village, who has lived in Springfield for a few years past, started for California on Tuesday. He expects to make his future home in Ventura, on the coast about 300 miles below San Francisco, where the skies are always sunny and strawberries may be grown the year 'round. He goes now to "build a nest" for his family, who will follow him in a few weeks.

Wales Hall was crowded at the closing sociable last week Friday evening. Many of the costumes worn by the ladies were noticeable, and the music of the Germania Band, 10 pieces, was enjoyed by the concert-goers until ten o'clock, and the ball which followed was kept up until the early hours of morning. Two supplementary dancing parties were arranged for by some of the movers in the pleasant series just finished.

At Springfield on Tuesday the probate court granted administrations on the estates of Delphia Turner of Palmer, Frank L. Davis administrator; Bridget Lane of Monson, Joshua Tracy, administrator. Inventories were filed on the estates of Bridget Lane of Monson, Anson B. Parker of Brimfield and David Adams of Ludlow. Accounts rendered on the estates of Adolphus P. Whipple of Palmer, Francis Maguire and Boadicea Merrick of Monson, and John White of Wales. Leave was granted to sell real estate of Artemas H. Whitney of Ludlow. John G. Merriam of Three Rivers was given leave to adopt Frank Collins and change his name to Frank Gates Merriam.

DISTRICT COURT.

Orson Pease was brought from Monson on Tuesday, charged with abusive treatment of his cattle. His case was continued until to-day. Mr. Pease, although a man of sixty summers, was remanded to the jail in Springfield to await trial, in default of bail.

William Beckwith of Mystic, Conn., the famous "corn doctor," on a recent visit to Palmer, went into the saloon of O'Brien, over the bridge, where he was found later in the evening by officer Palmer, pretty well corned and considerably mystified. O'Brien complained that the Doctor had stolen some of his choicest tobacco, and it was very evident he had swallowed altogether too much poor liquor for his own good. A night in our comfortable lockup sobered him off, and the next day he plead guilty and paid his $7.40 with lamb-like submissiveness.

Columbus Shearer, from Three Rivers, paid a second visit to the temple of justice, this week, and his expenses footed up to $10.40, which he paid and went on his way, a sadder if not a wiser man.

TOWN MATTERS.

The warrant for our annual town meeting a week from next Monday is out, and the report of the town officers is in the hands of the printers, and is quite a satisfactory exhibit. The total receipts for the year, including a balance of $2983.08 from last year, were $34,021.53, and the expenses $28,783.44, leaving the comfortable sum of $5,238.09 in the treasury. The principal items of expenditure were as follows: Schools, $6,908.13; school houses, &c., $1,203.43; highways, $2,712.90; bridges, $238.08; support of poor, $1,717.42; new bridge, $2,000; tomb in Depot cemetery, $650; contingencies, $2,292.89; interest, $2,181.70; paid on town debt, $3000. Our town officials have received for their services $1118.32, divided as follows: Selectmen, $300; clerk and treasurer, $90; school committee, $343; assessors, $385.32. The assessors have had much more work to do than usual, in preparing the valuation list for publication. There are notes against the town to the amount of $24,150, and the net liabilities of the town are $16,343.02, or $4,137.94 less than last year. During the year there were 1304 tramps lodged and fed, at a cost of $257.98, or about 20 cents a head. The selectmen recommend appropriations for the ensuing year as follows: highways, $2500; bridges, $500; support of poor, $1,800; contingencies, $2000. It might be a profitable innovation if our town fathers in their annual reports would not confine themselves quite so strictly to figures. The average voter has but a slight acquaintance with town affairs, and perhaps isn't much wiser after poring over several pages of figures, while the selectmen are supposed to be thoroughly conversant with the needs of the town; and suggestions and recommendations from them would be welcomed, and would receive the consideration to which they would be entitled.

The warrant this year contains 18 articles, and will be found in our advertising columns. Instead of selling the land purchased for a lockup a few years ago, and which would not in all probability bring half what was paid for it, we believe the town might with advantage consider the question of erecting upon it a building suitable for a lockup and tramp room. One could be put up, it is believed, for from $1200 to $1500, which would be in every respect equal, and in some superior to the quarters at present occupied, and the annual cost to the town would be considerably less than the $225 rent now paid. We suggest the subject to the consideration of the voters.

ADDIE WALKER AGAIN.—SHE VICTIMIZES A WEST WARREN FARMER AND RE-VISITS PALMER, WITH AN ESCORT.—"STILL THERE'S MORE TO FOLLOW."

On Wednesday Detective Joslyn of Holyoke brought to Palmer a young woman, closely veiled, who gave her name as Mrs. Stanley, who has been boarding of late in the family of town treasurer Day of Northampton, doing nothing and having plenty of money, which she spent so freely as to attract the attention and investigation of the detectives, especially since the recent great bank robbery. Their investigation developed the fact that Mrs. Stanley was a bold, brilliant confidence woman, whose real name is Addie Walker, and that she had obtained some of her money, at least, by swindling Columbus C. Orcutt, a West Warren farmer. Many of our readers will remember Addie as the heroine of a romantic story some three years ago, when she fooled many confiding ladies in this village by dressing in male attire, and acting a man's part to perfection, after which she went to Chicago, was arrested, and brought back by a detective. Previous to this she was in West Warren, where her parents live, and there she got Mr. Orcutt safely into her net, extorting money from him to prevent her suing for alleged defamation of her character by him. At Orcutt's request a note for $2500 was made out in Addie's favor, and some $400 soon paid on it. Then under pretence of bringing a similar suit against a Chicago lawyer, she bled Orcutt to the extent of $1200 on a forged check and afterwards stole the check. Again she came back, told Orcutt she had been robbed, and in self-defence had knocked down a man and left him for dead. She must fly, and wanted $300 to go with, for which sum and the $1200 already borrowed she would give a Springfield check, which Orcutt neglected to take, although he gave her the money. Soon after she wrote from Hartford for him to meet her in Springfield, when she asked for $1400 more, promising to secure him on this and his previous advances by a $3000 bond signed by James Snow, a prominent Worcester lawyer. After some trouble the couple met at Judge Allen's office in this village, and, although the Judge thought the bond was questionable, and tried to dissuade Orcutt, the woman prevailed (of course), the bond was accepted, and Mr. Allen counted out the $1400. That night the bond was stolen from Orcutt's bed-room at West Warren. Such, briefly outlined, is the story which will be more fully developed at the District Court Room next Wednesday, to which time the examination was deferred. Meanwhile Addie, alias Mrs. Stanley, alias "Ernest," is in jail at Springfield.

Addie is the daughter of a shoemaker, and although but 24, has now become famous or notorious as a bold, brilliant confidence woman. Although several times bitten, Orcutt brought no suit, and she might still be at liberty but for the detectives. She has retained S. S. Taft as her counsel.

BONDVILLE.

A religious revival of great interest is in progress in the Methodist society at Bondville, and conversions are frequent.

ENFIELD.

Town officers elected for the year ensuing are as follows: Clerk and treasurer, A. Moody; selectmen, L. D. Haskell, L. D. Potter and A. J. N. Ward; assessors, B. F. Davis, L. D. Potter and L. J. Hunt.

WALES.

The town will be served for the year ensuing by the following officers: Clerk, G. S. Rogers; treasurer, A. B. Johnson; selectmen and overseers of the poor, F. C. Smith, G. O. Henry and A. B. Johnson; assessors, F. S. Gardner, O. P. Royce and W. E. Needham; school committee, Dr. F. L. Smith for three years.

WILBRAHAM.

The Methodist Sunday school raised nearly $400 last year for missions.

The principal of the academy is out with an appeal for more money and more students for the institution.

The winter term of the academy closed on Tuesday. There was a concert by members of the school and the village quartet Monday evening, and an interview on Tuesday evening.

WARREN.

The John Brooks property at West Warren, consisting of a dwelling house and lot, will be sold at auction next Tuesday.

The result of the election for town officers is as follows: Clerk, Samuel. E. Blair; selectmen, S. N. Gleason, Willard Hall, L. M. Gilbert; treasurer, Samuel E. Blair; assessors, S. B. Richardson, A. W. Crossman; overseers of the poor, Willard Hall, John Wetherbee, O. F. Bliss; school committee, H. H. Hitchcock for three years, Rev. S. J. Austin for one year; constables, Willard Combs, J. B. Sibley.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Sabbath school concert at the Cong. church to-morrow.

Ambrose Chapin, the oldest person in the place, died the 6th inst., aged 90 years, 2 months and 7 days. His life was that of the Christian, and he has entered upon the Christian's reward.

Sheriff Warren and Clark Goodwill tried the speed of their fast horses Friday last on runners. The 2.45 horse came out second best. Mr. Goodwill will have to try again, which we understand he is ready to do, and Sheriff Warren never backs down.

The lecture of Rev. George Whitaker, on "The thing that does it," at the M. E. church Wednesday evening, was said to be good, but listened to by a small audience. The singing was good, although Miss Day was not able to sing soprano on account of hoarseness, but Mrs. William R. Sessions supplied the deficiency, and it was a success. The table, served as in "ye olden time," was all O. K. All it needed was a few more to fill the other tables. What the proceeds of the entertainment was is not reported.

THORNDIKE.

Last Sabbath was a most interesting day for the Cong. church in this village. Rev. J. W. Tuck, a former pastor of the church, came up with Mr. H. L. Reade from Jewett City, Ct., to officiate in the admission of members. He preached in the forenoon to a large audience, and in the afternoon the audience room was so full that settees from the vestry were needed. Thirty-one persons were admitted to the church, twenty-four by profession and seven by letter. Among the twenty-four were four married couples, and in the case of one of these the mother of the husband and father of the wife were among the number admitted. Of the twenty-four only three were under twenty years of age; all the others were men and women, and some considerably past the meridian of life. The scene as they stood in the front pews, filling the four and more in front of the altar, to receive the vows of God, will never be forgotten by those present. There are quite a number of others who contemplate uniting with the church at the next communion, and it is hoped that as the result, directly and indirectly, of the great blessing which has come to this parish and people, the number of members of the church will be nearly doubled.

BELCHERTOWN.

The high school closed on Thursday for a two weeks' rest.

Town treasurer Burnett receives nothing for his services.

There is an increasing religious interest and the Grand Army post will postpone their socials for the present, on account of the meetings.

J. L. Bacon has sold the Belcher House to John White, formerly of the Union House, and L. D. Walker. They will take possession on or before the first of April.

Dr. Thompson is said to have a pair of boots 13 years old which have been in constant use, are perfectly sound, have never been mended, and were in the army awhile. Ahem! They'll probably go to the Centennial.

At the town meeting on Monday $3500 was appropriated for schools, and $1500 for highways and bridges, and these officers elected: Clerk, C. L. Washburn; treasurer, Enoch Burnett; selectmen, Franklin Dickinson Enoch Burnett, Martin Sedgwick; school committee, George B. Greene; constables, William Burnett, J. M. Towne, Jefferson Colgrove, Henry Canterbury.

NEWS AT THE BROOKFIELDS.

Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Kellogg of North Brookfield celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday evening.

The new railroad increases the debt of North Brookfield to $92,248. A year ago it was only $15,000.

Several persons are said to have been bitten by mad dogs at North Brookfield, and there is considerable excitement.

The Union church at North Brookfield will be opened soon with free seats, the expenses to be paid by weekly subscriptions.

The prospect for the boot manufacturers of Brookfield is said to be good, while a fair amount of work is now in progress. Wages have been reduced 10 to 15 per cent.

East Brookfield rejoices in an increased prosperity since the completion of the new railroad to North Brookfield, and the consequent stopping there of express trains on the Boston & Albany road. Real estate is looking up, and it is becoming the center for Spencer, Charlton, Southbridge and Sturbridge. Several new buildings for manufacturing purposes will be put up this spring.

North Brookfield cut down appropriations considerably this year. The figures are as follows: Schools, $6500; poor, $1520; roads and bridges, $2500; interest, $6000; debt, $9000; contingencies, $2000; memorial day, $100. The town officers for the ensuing year are, Clerk, Hiram Knight; treasurer, Geo. R. Hamant; selectment, Warren Tyler, Geo. C. Lincoln and John B. Dewing; overseers of the poor, Hiram Knight, Sumner Holmes and Eugene Howard.

MONSON.

Arba Squier has a cottage house on Squier Avenue nearly completed.

Rogers Bros. bought a 4 year old heifer of Carlton Stebbins, which, when dressed, weighed 951 pounds.

It's about time to fix up the slate for another year. It may be the slate will get smashed at the annual town meeting.

The A. O. H. have engaged Myles O'Sullivan of New York to lecture under their auspices next Friday evening. His subject will be "Robert Emmet."

The selectmen want all bills against the town presented before the 15th inst., so that the accounts may be audited preparatory to making out the annual report.

It isn't much of a year for calla lilies, but Mrs. G. E. Fuller has one that has produced eleven blossoms this season, and if this *Knocks* other lilies in the shade who is to blame?

While the eruption of Mount Vesuvius interests many of the scientists, the eruption of the neighbors and family quarrels of parties in the South part of the town, which a year ago or so were noticeable, have again broken out.

Humorously inclined persons say that after the coroner's jury sat one week on the infant found in the pond, it isn't to be wondered that a piece of tape caused all the trouble, and whether it was red tape or not is the question.

Considerable complaint has been made because the policemen do not abate certain nuisances, but if the parties who blame others would go to the Eastern Hampden District Court and make their complaint, and give the officers legal authority to act, matters perhaps might be more promptly attended to.

The coroner's jury at their adjourned meeting last Saturday report in the case of the child found in Reynolds' Pond—"That the said child came to its death by strangulation by means of a piece of tape in the hands of some person or persons to the said jury unknown, and we are unable to determine the date of the death of said child."

WARE AND VICINITY.

Wednesday morning at 6¼ o'clock the thermometer stood at 56°.

There were four admissions to the E. Cong. church last Sabbath, all by profession.

The town voted Monday to accept the legacy of the late Orrin Sage in accordance with the terms of the will.

Robins and blue birds were heard Tuesday, and the boys have commenced to play marbles. Surely, Spring is coming.

One thing noticeable in the selectmen's report is that $569.56 was paid for doctors' bills for the poor last year. Could not one doctor do all the business and for less money?

Owing to a leakage in the fire box of the engine the one o'clock train was unable to reach here on Monday last, until help arrived. The other trains were somewhat delayed in consequence.

The voters of Ware turned out in large numbers Monday, and never did they come more solidly for retrenchment than then. The greatest contest for officers was for town clerk, but Abner F. Richardson was victorious, getting a vote of 109. Five other candidates were in the field. The officers elected were Addison Sandford, treasurer; Wm. B. Lawton, D. I. Emerson and P. McMahon, selectmen; Geo. Feehan, O. B. Owen and Charles S. Robinson, overseers of the poor; Thomas F. Sherman, Geo. E. Puffer and James W. Brakenridge assessors; Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, Wm. F. Coney, J. W. Cummings and J. R. Lawton school committee for three years; George Feehan, Henry O. Caryl and Henry Connell, constables; David P. Billings, collector of taxes; J. B. Green, sealer of weights and measures; Otis Lane, cemetery agent. The selectmen were constituted the board of health. The old board of field drivers and fire wardens were re-elected. D. P. Billings, C. P. Morse and Benj. Bond were appointed fence viewers. Twelve highway surveyors, four for district No. 1, and one for each other district, were appointed. The appropriations were as follows: Highways and bridges, $2,000; schools, $3500; interest on debt, $8900; paupers, $2000; street lights, $400; free library, $700; memorial day, $100; Total, $19,600—a reduction from last year of $9000, beside the appropriation of $5,000 toward the town debt. One feature of the meeting was in finishing the business so as not to require another meeting in April.

Fragments.

—The West Springfield sensation is a sturgeon caught in a net.

—A case of small pox is reported in the Springfield almshouse.

—Piper, the alleged murderer of Mabel Young, is to have a new trial—the third one.

—New potatoes, green pease and strawberries are what they are having for dinner in New Orleans now.

—"The Indiana glass works are running night and day" turning out demijohns for the democratic campaign.

—Mrs. John Smith's baby was born on the 29th ult., and Mr. John Smith wants to know on what day his baby will be a year old.

—They are calling Thurman a trimmer, Hendricks a hemmer, Blaine a baster, Chandler a filler, Conkling a pinker, Sherman a ripper, and sew forth.

—It is reported now that Belknap made about $90,000 on contracts for soldiers' gravestones. Of course all sorts of evil things will be said of him now he is down.

—An old fellow in Vienna who kept a restaurant, waiting personally upon his customers, died lately, leaving a library of 21,000 volumes, many of them editions of rare value.

—Mrs. Betsey Perkins of Taunton celebrated her 95th birthday last Saturday by presenting a check for $1000 to each of her six daughters. Wonder if they don't wish her birthdays would come oftener!

—U. S. Senator Sharon, elected a year ago, took his seat last week for the first time, and immediately drew his last year's pay—$4000.

—Spelling matches don't seem to agree with our English brethren. A recent one in Durham resulted in a quarrel, when one fellow smashed another's head, so that he died.

—Mr. Belknap is said to present a distressing appearance. His face is worn and haggard, his eyes swollen and bloodshot, and his manner nervous and excited. So it was with Pond and Winslow. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

—Congressmen Garfield of Ohio and Frye of Maine were engaged to speak at a republican rally at Keene, N. H., Monday night. They missed the afternoon train at Springfield, hired an engine and overtook it at Holyoke, and then didn't change cars at South Vernon, but went on to Brattleboro. They had two hours left for a 20-mile drive, but they accomplished it.

It is reported that the people on the Westmanna islands, lying south of Iceland and belonging to Denmark, are dying of starvation. Their fisheries last year were unsuccessful, and a letter in a bottle picked up on the coast of Iceland recently said that famine was upon them. It is almost impossible to reach the islands during the winter months. The inhabitants number something over 500.

An asylum for aged people in Brooklyn, N. Y., was partially destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. It is thought the fire was caused by some defect in the heating apparatus, and so rapidly did it spread that over 20 of the inmates were burned to death in their beds, many of them being burned beyond recognition. The loss on the building is $30,000; insured.

By the giving away of a bridge on the Harper's Ferry branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, 63 miles from Harper's Ferry, Monday night, an entire freight train with passenger car attached was precipitated into the river below, killing or drowning twelve persons and seriously injuring seven others.

There occurred recently in Calumet, Wis., three weddings in one family in one day. The old folks celebrated their golden wedding, their oldest son and his wife their silver wedding, and their son and his wife their linen wedding. Besides this, the baby of the young couple was baptized.

N. C. Munson, who has a contract to rebuild three sections of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and who reconstructed the road from Shelburne Falls to the Hoosac Tunnel, has failed, but his bondsmen are said to be reliable, and it is thought the work will go on with little interruption.

A boy named Willie Morris, 12 years old, has been arrested at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of horse stealing. The boy asserts that having worked several months for the owner of the horse without receiving promised wages, he levied on the animal to make things even.

H. E. Ryder, chairman of the board of selectmen of Dunbarton, N. H., is said to be a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, and has fled from justice. He was one of the leading men of the town, and always bore an excellent reputation.

A runaway horse at Thompsonville, Conn., last Friday, dashed on to the railroad track ahead of a train just starting, and kept ahead of it, reaching Springfield before the train did, and keeping between the rails all the way.

A party of 400 strong will leave Chicago on March 15 for the Black Hills. The Secretary of the company has received 2300 letters of inquiry since the announcement of its organization. The party is taken through to the Hills for $26 apiece.

Chief Justice Ryan of Wisconsin decides that women cannot become lawyers in that State, and he says he is glad of it, because "the bar is not the place for the exercise of a woman's peculiar qualities or for the preservation of her purity."

Two immense lemons, weighing together four pounds and ten ounces, and measuring respectively eighteen and seventeen inches in circumference, were exhibited in a shop at Jacksonville, Fla., a few days ago.

Springfield has 708 manufacturing establishments, with a production of goods to the amount of $11,666,127 last year, against $6,509,814 in 1865.

Three lads, each about 16 years old, went to the woods in the neighborhood of St. Johns, N. F., the other day, to cut fire-wood, and were overtaken by a snow storm in which they all perished.

A new line of fortnightly steamers is to be put on between Liverpool and Boston, the first of which is to leave the Mersey, to-day. This gives Boston five steamers in a fortnight.

An unknown Italian barque, was wrecked on the North Carolina coast a few nights since, and fifteen lives are supposed to have been lost.

Religious Items.

....Twenty-four new members were received into Dr. Tucker's church at Chicopee Falls, last Sunday.

....The Congregational church in Agawam received 21 members last Sabbath.

....Rev. J. L. Jenkins of Amherst has declined a tempting call to the Prof. Swing Church in Chicago.

....Rev. Dr. Storrs has resigned his position as President of the American Congregational Union and his Directorship of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, because of the recent action of the Advisory Council, some people think.

....Of the 232 Congregational churches in Connecticut 127 allow women to vote on church matters, and the remaining 105 on certain occasions. They are not quite up with the Baptist churches, where woman suffrage is universal.

....It is mentioned as a curious fact that the Congregational society in Hardwick still retains the ancient custom of levying a direct "ministers' tax" on its members, on the basis of the town valuation. We think there are other country churches, where the same practice is in vogue.

....A minister not a thousand miles from Great Falls, N. H., put it this way to his congregation the other Sabbath: "Come into the front seats or leave the house." And most of his audience left the house.

....The sum of $107,000 being necessary to free the new building of the Baptist Publication Society at Philadelpeia from debt, that amount was contributed by the Bucknell and Crozer families, each family paying half.

....Rev. Joseph Henning, a Catholic priest of St. Louis, recently prophesied of his church as follows: "The persecution that is waging against the church will also end. When, I don't know. God alone knows that. I know that events are marching fast, and if the signs of the times do not deceive me, triumph of the church is not far off. If I am not mistaken the sceptre of Europe is fast passing out of the hand of the German empire into the hands of the empire of Russia, who will overrun Europe with barbarous hordes, until, like Attila, he will stand before the gates of Rome, and then he will be converted; and then the great schism that has separated Russia and the East from the church for so many years will be healed, and the East and the West will unite in a *Te Deum*, the echoes of which will wake from pole to pole. The time is not far off when there will come a time of peace and quiet; when Infidelity and Protestantism—Protestantism, as a religion, has long ceased to exist; it is running on its last legs, and I am sure it can't run far—will be swept from the face of the earth."

PARTIES buying lead pipe, lead ribbon, lead tape, or white lead, should read the advertisement of Salem Lead Company, in another column.

FOR catarrh, use Renne's Pain-Killing Magic Oil freely on the forehead and nose externally, also inhale the strong odor of the Magic Oil from a cloth. Mix the Magic Oil with water and gargle the throat. Try this three times a day for a few days; it don't cost much. A prominent person who has tried this in a very aggravated case, says, within two weeks every vestige of catarrh had left me.

NOTWITHSTANDING the hard times and the scarcity of money, the trade at Fay's popular shoe store, 382 Main street, Springfield, has been daily on the increase. This can be attributed to the fact that they keep a large assortment of boots and shoes, their prices are low, and they deal fairly with all on the "one price" system, showing partiality to no one, and guaranteeing to all perfect satisfaction.

LYON'S KATHAIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents.
1y3-26

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Pyle's Dietetic Saleratus.—Universally acknowledged the best in use. Each pound bears the name of JAMES PYLE. None genuine without. 1yI2‡

Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica Nervous and Kidney Diseases positively cured by DR. FITLER'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY. ALLEN & COWAN, sole agents for Palmer. 1y5I-25

Stop that Cough.—If everything has failed in your case, try Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. There is no pulmonary complaint which it will not cure or greatly relieve. As a remedy for all throat and lung diseases, cure for colds, croup, and preventive of consumption, it has no equal, Acts like a charm in whooping cough, sore throat and hoarseness. Contains no opium, and is pleasant to take. Trial bottles 10 cents. WILDER & BLOOD, sole agents for Ware. Call at their drug store and ask about it.—Smith, Doolittle & Smith, Boston, wholesale agents. 1y41-25

Cross and Sickly Children can be made healthy and strong by regulating their stomachs and bowels with Castoria. It is more effective than Castor Oil, and is as pleasant to take as honey. For Wind Colic, Sour Stomach, Worms and Costiveness, there is nothing in existence equal to it.

Why will you suffer from Rheumatism, Sprains, Stiff Joints, Swellings, Burns, Scalds or Weak Back, when the Centaur Liniment affords certain relief. Many articles soothe pain to a certain extent, but the Centaur Liniment CURES. The White Liniment is for the human family, the Yellow Liniment is for horses and animals. 13w37

BORN.

At Palmer, 8th, a daughter to FRANCIS KEYES.
At Ware, 28th ult., a son to JOHN M. BARNES.

MARRIED.

At Ware, 1st, EDWARD P. POMEROY of Amherst and Mrs. LUCIA M. PEPPER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 6th, very suddenly, H. H. PERRY, 48.
At Springfield, 7th, MARTHA C., wife of Tilly Haynes.
At Reading, 4th, CALEB WAKEFIELD, 91, father of Dr. H. P. Wakefield of the State Primary School, Monson.
At Lndlaw, 4th, ERVIN M. LOMBARD, 13; 8th, JOHN C. BROWNING, 74, formerly of Chicopee.
At Warren, 3d, LEVI MERRITT, 60.
At Three Rivers, 28th ult., FERNANDO THAYER, 48.
At Stafford, Ct., CALVIN PEASE, 79.

FOR SALE!

ONE TWO-HORSE WAGON.

3w50* S. L. LORD, Monson, Mass.

FOR SALE!

The residence of the late Elias Turner, 69 South Main street, Palmer Depot. For particulars inquire on the premises. 50tf

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ADMINISTRATRIX' SALE!

By virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest of Lyman A. Nelson, late of said Palmer, deceased, in and to the following described real estate, situate in that part of Palmer called Tenneyville, on the westerly side of the road leading from Palmer to Monson, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road, thence southerly on said road about seven rods to a stake and stones, thence westerly about three rods to a stake and stones, thence northerly about seven rods, thence easterly about three rods to the first mentioned bound, containing twenty-one rods of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon.

TERMS CASH.

3w50 ELEANOR M. NELSON, Adm'x.

AUCTION SALE
OF
HOUSE and LOT

In the thriving village of WEST WARREN, Mass., and known as the JOHN BROOKS Property,

—ON—

TUESDAY, March 14th, 1876.

The house is a one and a half story frame dwelling, with L, good well of water, all in complete repair.

The lot contains ¼ of an acre of land. This is a good investment for speculation, and will make a nice home for persons of moderate means.

SALE POSITIVE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

☞ TERMS EASY and made known on the day of sale. For particulars apply to

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Another lot of those

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with the name of the town printed in. Bound 100 Receipts to a Book. For sale at the

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LEAD PIPE, of any size or thickness,

At lowest market prices for goods of equal quality. FRANCIS BROWN, Treasurer,
3m50 Salem, Mass.

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority given me by the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, I will sell at public auction on the premises, on the 29th day of March, current, at 11 o'clock a. m., the homestead of Evlyn A. Taylor, late of West Springfield 3d (Ashleyville), deceased, containing about 5 acres, with the buildings thereon, located about ¼ of a mile west of the Chicopee bridge, the Field Lot, so called, near the homestead, containing 5½ acres, and the Prospect Hill pasture lot, containing about 25 acres. Also, at the same time and place, a lot of hay, 1 buggy, 1 business wagon, farming tools, etc., etc. TERMS MADE KNOWN AT TIME OF SALE.

LOUISE R. TAYLOR, Administratrix.
West Springfield, March 7, 1876. 3w50

VIRGINIA PEANUTS,

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English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Almonds. New varieties of fresh Confectionery.

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Palmer, March, 1876.

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I can supply any in want of this delicious fruit with good, strong plants, well rooted, this spring, for $1.50 per dozen at my place, or by mail, free, for $2.00 per doz. Also, a few pounds of

A. NO. 1 EXTRA

YELLOW DANVERS ONION SEED,

of my own raising, for $3.50 per lb. at my place, or $3.60 per lb. by mail, free.

J. K. KNOX.
Palmer, Feb. 25th, 1876. 49tf

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Large lots of **STATIONERY.** PAPER by the ream, ENVELOPES by the thousand, at the Cheapest Rates.

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NOTICE!

I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting Thomas Degan on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting after this date.

EDWIN L. TUPPER, Guardian.
Wilbraham, Mass., Feb. 12, 1876. 4w47*

REMOVAL!

I would respectfully inform my friends and customers that I have removed my stock of

Fancy Dry Goods

—TO THE—

New Store in French's Block,

Central Street.

E. L DAVIS.

☞ FOR SALE!—The fixtures of my old store, chandelier, counters, stoves, etc., for which I have no further use. Must be sold immediately.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN SS.—To Jason A. Palmer, Constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

Art. 3.—To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4.—To act upon the report of the school committee, selectmen, overseers of the poor, and other town officers.

Art. 5.—To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.—To see if the town will raise any money to reduce the debt of the town.

Art. 7.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed the ensuing year.

Art. 9.—To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will make any by-laws and regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 12.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 13.—To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 14.—To see if the town will build a tomb in the cemetery near the Town Hall, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 15.—To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp-room.

Art. 16.—To see what disposition the town will make, if any, of the land bought of A. N. Dewey for a lock-up.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote a salary for the sealer of weights and measures.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, a street as laid out and worked by Marshall Fox, beginning on the south side of South Main street, in the Depot village, and running south 70° west about 37 rods to land of the New London Northern R. R. corporation.

The names of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot; Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby required to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1876.

J. O. HAMILTON, ENOS CALKINS, E. B. GATES, } Selectmen of Palmer.

Copy—Attest: J. A. PALMER, Constable.
2w50

THE BEST YET!

ORANGES & LEMONS,

FIGS AND DATES,

FRESH AND TEMPTING!

50tf G. H. APPLETON.

$15. NEW WALTHAM WATCHES.

Solid Silver Cases. Warranted to keep excellent time. PRICE FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

Also, old watches bought, at

D. F. LARY'S, 162 State St.,
4w49 Springfield, Mass.

WANTED!

To hire on shares, or trade for, a small farm within a few miles of Palmer. Enquire at

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Palmer, Jan. 25th, 1876.

FOUND.

A lady's SHAWL, dropped from a carriage near the Hampden Hat Mills. The owner can have the same by calling at the JOURNAL Office and paying for this advertisement. 49tf

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DENTISTRY.

H. S. GOULD, D. D. S., administers ETHER and GAS, and performs all operations appertaining to the profession.

Office—Barton Block, Monson, Mass. 4w48

NOTICE.—Having sold our grocery business to A. E. Park of Millbury, we would request all having book accounts with the late firm of Smith & Co. to call at the store and settle the same. SMITH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 18, 1876. 4w47

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL,

DENTIST,

SPRINGFIELD, Mass

Office, 274 Main St., Shaws' Block. 1y4-26

THE subscriber would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ware and vicinity that she has opened the BOSTON STORE in Lothrop's Block, with a full supply of

MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,

of the latest styles. Dress and Cloak Making a specialty. Low prices and fair dealing. A share of your patronage solicited. MRS. KIRK,

Main St., opp. Ware National Bank.
Ware, Feb. 10th, 1876. 4w46

HAVING bought the stock and accounts of W. H Hitchcock, I shall continue at his old stand the sale of

STOVES, RANGES, FURNACES, PUMPS, PIPE SINKS, BRITANNIA & TINWARE.

Work well done. ALL PRICES FAIR!

GEORGE ROBINSON.
Palmer, Dec. 8th, 1875. 36tf

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Customers trading ONE DOLLARS' worth or over, will receive for change good old-fashioned SILVER, and for a

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A. H. WILLIS.

Main St., Palmer.

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RESUMPTION of SPECIE PAYMENTS

—AT WILLIS'—

ONE PRICE STORE!

37tf

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Zephyr WORSTEDS.

We have just received our last importation for this season. We are at present in a condition to furnish every shade of

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Be sure you get the genuine, every time. Put up in quarter pound papers, with the name of BERGMAN & CO., BERLIN, marked on each paper. All others are light weights. We keep none but the best. Black and white, 12 cents; all colors, 15 cents. All orders promptly attended to.

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CRUDE DRUGS AND MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS for Physicians' Prescriptions and Family Use.

PATENT MEDICINES of all kinds.

NO COUNTERFEIT—EVERY BOTTLE WARRANTED GENUINE.

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMES AND NOTIONS For the Toilet, in Endless Variety.

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is not surpassed for the cure of coughs and colds. If you want a medicine to purify the blood,

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ALLEN & COWAN.

Palmer, Mass., 1876.

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and a fine lot of SPONGES of all grades just received at

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WE are SPECIAL AGENTS for the sale of

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in this vicinity; also any other makes desired. If your Pianos need tuning leave your orders at our store, and a competent tuner will be employed to do the work. ALLEN & COWAN.

Palmer, Feb. 3d, 1876.

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ANY MUSIC WANTED

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YOU WILL ALWAYS find the Largest and finest assortment of

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A. E. PARK, 51 Main Street.
Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

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PURE WHITE and 40 different shades.
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Free from objectionable ingredients generally used in so-called "Chemical" Paints.
Sample cards on application.
Order this brand from your dealer.
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Generally includes an invitation to buy something. We ask 25 cents for our "letter to those contemplating marriage," because it is *worth something*, and because we are not the "organ" of some pill-vender, but are *straight*, and write for the benefit of the reader. Sent, sealed, by

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PAINTS, IRON AND STEEL,

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GEORGE ROBINSON.
Corner Central and Pleasant Sts.

Palmer, April 1, 1875.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. February 28th, A. D. 1876.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered in the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1876, in favor of Joseph Thompson of Palmer, county aforesaid, and against Cornelius Sullivan of Monson, in said county, I have taken all the right, title and interest that the said Cornelius Sullivan has in and to a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in said Monson, upon both sides of the highway leading from Flynt's Quarries, so called, to Monson depot, and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of said tract, thence westerly by land of the town of Monson to corner of lands of town of Monson, thence southerly by land of said Monson and land of George C. Wilson to land of W. W. Moore, thence easterly to corner of land of said Moore, thence northerly by land of said Moore across said highway to point of departure, together with the buildings thereon standing, the legal title to which stands in the name of Margaret Sullivan; and on Tuesday, the fourth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house of said Cornelius Sullivan, on said premises, I shall offer for sale by public auction, to the highest bidder, said premises and all the right, title and interest of said Cornelius Sullivan therein.

3w49 F. H. KING, Deputy Sheriff.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT!

A nice-fitting boot or shoe is conducive to comfort, and is the pride of every gentleman. The best place in town where your foot can be fitted, and a pair made for you that will please in style and fit, is at the old boot and shoe shop of the subscriber. Any style and any material that you may wish can be procured. The PRICES ARE LOW, when the excellence of the work is considered.

If any lady or gentleman wants a good fit and something that will last, let them call on the subscriber, where satisfaction is guaranteed.

N. B.—Repairing done at the lowest possible price and in the best manner; but don't forget your pocket-book, for everthing is CASH. A fine stock of Sole Leather, French Calf and Findings constantly on hand and sold at lowest prices.

LOOK HERE! My voyage up Salt River has been indefinitely postponed by the press of business.

CALVIN HITCHCOCK.
Palmer, Jan. 27th, 1876. 44tf

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—OFFICE of COMPTROLLER of the CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.

JNO. JAY KNOX,
No. 2324. 8w47 Comptroller of the Currency.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE!

By virtue of a license issued by the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction on Thursday, the 16th day of March next, at seven o'clock p. m., at the house of Dwight M. Stebbins, in the village of Three Rivers and town of Palmer, the following described real estate, the property of Semphronia Mixter, late of said Palmer, deceased, viz: One undivided thirteenth part of a certain tract of land, situate in the village of Three Rivers, in said Palmer, with the building thereon, and known as the parsonage of the Baptist church of Three Rivers.

DWIGHT M. STEBBINS,
Adm'r, with annexed.
Palmer, Feb. 19, 1876. 3w48

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Frank P. Ellis, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

DWIGHT W. ELLIS, Adm.
Monson, Mass., March 2, 1876. 3w49

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PALMER, MASS.

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JAS. G. ALLEN, Secretary.

LEONARD GREEN, Treasurer.

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DEPOSITS put on interest the first of each month. All deposits strictly confidential.

MARRIAGE

Should not be entered into without fully understanding its responsibilities, etc. Send 25 cents for a *sealed letter* giving valuable hints and facts for young people. Perfectly chaste and proper for young or old. Address

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NEW MARKET.

Mr. DODGE respectfully informs his friends that he has opened a new market in French's Block, on Central street. A large and fresh stock of the best

MEATS, POULTRY, VEGETABLES,

and CANNED FRUIT constantly on hand. Your custom solicited. Promptness guaranteed.

E DODGE.
Palmer, Dec. 17th, 1877. 38tf

FOR SALE!—I have a very nice melodeon, as good as new, which I shall be glad to sell reasonably cheap. Also two chamber sets, nearly as good as new, chairs, tables, bureaus, looking-glasses, etc. Call on J. G. MERRIAM, on the Cooley farm, north of Four Corners.

Palmer, Feb. 10, 1876. 46tf

$5 to $20 Per day at home. Terms free. Address G. STINSON & Co. Portland, Maine.

The China Wedding.

[The following poem was read by Mrs. M. J. Brown at the recent china wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chilson.]

It was not the most uncommon thing
That happened 'neath the sun,
That *two* should have met at the altar,
And passed away as *one*.
A man in the strength of his manhood,
A fair, fragile maid by his side,
Hands joined, vows spoken, prayer offered,
And the man walks forth with his bride.

No treasure of wealth did he bring her,
No houses, nor lands, nor gold,
And she was no child of Fortune,
With jewels of value untold;
The *truth of his love* was plighted,
The strength of his arm was made bare,
And she gave the wealth of woman's love,
Her joy his life to share.

Time quickly hurries us along,
Nor stops at brightest places;
But now and then we catch a glance
Of these familiar faces.
Two pair of hearts go toiling on,
But toiling e'er together—
Two hearts share joy and sorrow,
Meeting bright or cloudy weather.

The eyes that once in wooing days
Would meet, then shyly turn away,
Now linger long and lovingly,
Each gaining strength to meet the day.
The hands are hardened now with toil,
Time's traces rest upon the brow;
But hearts are warm and love is strong—
The *two* were never *one* as now.

We have gathered to-night, self-bidden,
To extend the friendly hand,
To pleasantly greet, as here we meet,
The members of this home-band.
We are *glad* hearts and hands that were wedded
That vows recorded above,
Have stronger grown, and this dear home
Is a little nest of love.

The world hath not given you riches,
But Heaven's best gifts are yours,
Sweet home, true love and dear children—
Ah! yours is wealth which endures.
You've rejoiced in the joys of your children,
You've shared in their sorrows, too,
Feeling the changes that come to us all,
As we pass life's journey through.

One little life has been returned
Unto Him who gave it to you;
Yours still; but knowing heavenly joys,
So wondrous, yet so true.
Perhaps when here your work is done,
When God's own time shall come,
That she will be your angel guide
To lead you safely home.

'Tis well for us that from our homes
These buds are sometimes taken,
To blossom in the sunshine
And the sweet, pure air of Heaven.
That when we reach our arms for them,
They are not here, but there,
Then in our soul the longing comes
That we their joys might share,

Friends, we've met you, and we leave you,
On this gay and festive night,
But in our memories long shall live
These hours of sweet delight.
We came with words of gladness,
We would with words of cheer,
And may this anniversary day
Bring joy for many a year.

But when we seek for you the best,
Or raise for you our earnest prayer,
'Twill be that all the joys known here
May be perfected there,
That when the home shall be no more,
When fades earth's brightest light,
So sure will seem the morn in Heaven
You need not say good night.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—MARCH 12th.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON,

Absalom's Rebellion—2 Sam. xv. 1-14.

Historical Connection. Chapters viii. to xii. deal with the foundations of the Court and Empire of Israel. David has a court and a camp, on a scale like that of other great Oriental sovereigns. Through him Israelitish religious history swells in its dimensions from contact with the outer world. With him too begins a dynasty. Under him the military organization inherited from Saul was greatly developed. There was "the Host," consisting of all able-bodied males. It was of infantry without cavalry. The weapons were spears and shields. There was also a Body-guard of foreigners, commanded by an Israelite of pure descent. And, finally, was the standing army, the nucleus of which was the band of 600 men who gathered around David in his wanderings. They were never but 600; and were called "heroes" or "mighty men."

David moreover established various social and moral institutions. These were for pastoral, agricultural, financial and judicial purposes. Institutions for religious ends came into special prominence during David's reign. The three years famine occurred doubtless early in his sovereignty. The dark story of the crime which involved him with Bath-sheba and Uriah, comes in before the bursting forth of Absalom's conspiracy. From the time of that double wrong-doing, notwithstanding his repentance, "the sword never departed from his house."

Vv. 1–6. This was a period in David's administration when various elements conspired to foster conspiracy. Of course some felt they had suffered injustice and doubtless some actually had been wronged. It was just the time for a popular favorite to seduce the multitude from their allegiance. The people generally did not penetrate the motive of Absalom's conduct. He ingeniously fomented the elements of discontent. Attaching to himself a splendid retinue, and displaying an apparent public spirit, he worked his way into popular favor. In modern phrase, he was the champion of the opposition, and by his covert insinuations suggested the usual remedy of alleged corruption, namely, to give him official position; that is, in other words, and in his case, to make him king. Vv. 7–9. For "forty" we should read four years. David gives encouragement to Absalom's purpose, because it appears in the garb of piety. He goes to Hebron, ostensibly, because it is his native place, but really because it is adapted to his rebellious enterprise. Vv. 10–12. David had no suspicions of the conspiracy because it was conducted with extreme secrecy. Ahithophel is supposed to have been estranged from David out of personal pique for his conduct in the case of Bath-sheba, who was his grand-daughter. Vv. 13–15. David judged that delay would defeat Absalom's plans. Besides he desired the preservation of the city which he had built. Being a time of peace also he had no standing army with which to resist this sudden and unexpected attack.

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And plough your wheat field hour by hour
Till sundown—yes, till shine of stars.

You peg away the livelong day,
Nor loaf about, nor gape around;
And that's the road to the thrashin' floor,
And into the kitchen, I'll be bound.

D'ye know the road where the dollars are?
Follow the red cents here and there;
For if a man leaves them, I guess
He won't find dollars anywhere.

D'ye know the road to Sunday's rest?
Jist don't of week days be afeered;
In field and workshop do y'r best,
And Snuday comes itself, I've heered.

D'ye know what road to honor leads?
And good old age?—a lovely sight!
By way o' temperance, honest deeds,
And tryin' to do y'r dooty right.

And when the road forks airy side,
And you're in doubt which one it is,
Stand still, and let y'r conscience guide;
Thank God, it can't lead much amiss!

Go, fearin' God, but lovin' more!
I've tried to be an honest guide;
You find the grave has got a door,
And somethin' for you t'other side.

—*Translated from the German.*

THE WIDOW BARLOW.

Peter Buskirk was very fond of money, not so fond that he quite starved himself to keep it, or hide it up chimney, or refused himself fire or lights or a pillow; but yet so very fond of it as to be on the verge of miserhood without having quite fallen over. Beggars reaped no harvest from his purse or kitchen, and match-makers could make no impression on his bachelor heart. Peter Buskirk saw through the latter as well as the former, and buttoned up his pockets as hastily in the presence of bewitching crinoline as that of a seedy gentleman with a folded document in his breast pocket. The men wanted to rob him, the women to marry him. The last was the worst. Not that Peter hated women; on the contrary, even at fifty he was remarkably susceptible; a bright eye put him in a flutter. But the fact was, women, as wives or daughters, were expensive. They needed clothes, and were fond of dainties. They were proverbially extravagant. Should he marry one, she would spend his money while he lived and squander it after he was dead. And, with this awful terror before him, Peter steered clear of the shoals of matrimony.

There was one inconvenience in this bachelorhood, however. That was the housekeeping; for it involved a servant—some one to make beds, wash dishes, cook and iron. In short, the servant-of-all work was always the bane of Peter's life—eating and drinking in a manner which kept the master of the house in a continual ferment; wasting butter and fuel, and each change in the kitchen's encumbrance being followed by the mysterious disappearance of towels and napkins and such small ware. There was no rest for good Mr. Buskirk. He tried Betty and Dinah and Mary and Ann, and then, in despair, flew to a certain Mrs. Frown, the giver of tea-parties innumerable, to ask advice.

"Servants are plagues," she said.

"Eat you out of house and home," said Peter.

"Not to be relied on for honesty," said Mrs. Brown.

"Thieves ma'am; thieves!" said Peter.

"Ah," said Mrs. Brown, "a gentleman has no time to watch them. Now, I should advise marrying, Mr. Buskirk."

"Marrying!"

"Yes, sir; a wife can manage such things much better. Besides, if you choose a smart, capable women, she will keep an eye on the servant. It would be much more economical to marry."

"Economical!" yelled Peter, "my good lady. Eco—I—oh, goodness! Feathers and flowers, laces and silks, and rings, and—and ice cream and things—*economical!* How many yards do you take for a dress, ma'am?"

"Well, sir, twelve or fifteen—sometimes when it's silk, you know, eighteen."

"Eighteen yards, at five shillings or so a yard, and not one dress, but twenty. My good lady, it would be enough to ruin a man."

Mrs. Brown reflected.

"But if you could find an economical woman, Mr. Buskirk?"

"Ah! if I could find a mermaid."

"One who never wasted a penny."

"She does not exist ma'am."

"Who lives on next to nothing. The fact is, Mr. Buskirk, I have such a lady in my eye. She's a widow—quite a young one—Mrs. Barlow, and I'll have her at Peach House, next week."

Peter Buskirk grinned sarcastically.

"Economy in hoops and bonnets," he said to himself. "They want to marry me and spend my money."

And he went home wroth.

However, economy forbade him to refuse an invitation to dinner; and when, a week after, Mrs. Brown sent her compliments, etc., Mr. Buskirk donned his Sunday suit and went over to Peach House at 5 precisely. The parlor was full of ladies; ladies in silk and muslins, with crinoline and flounces. Most of them Mr. Buskirk knew well, and he looked about in vain for a stranger. Mrs. Brown's note had said:

"Mrs. Barlow will be with us."

But which was that economical widow? Probably that lady in green silk near the piano. He could not remember her face.

Suddenly Mr. Buskirk's doubts were set at rest. Mrs. Brown ejaculated: "Dear me, where, where is cousin Betsy? Mr. Buskirk, you must be introduced to Mrs. Barlow," and at these words something small and flat emerged from between two portly dames, and stood before him. It was a very short and slender little woman, with a remarkably pretty face. She wore no hoops, and her dress cleared her ankles. The sleeves were close, and the skirt had perhaps three breadths in it. The dress itself was of very plain brown merino, and she wore neither brooch nor bow, only a white linen collar. Peter looked approval. Several of the ladies exchanged glances and a faint giggle was heard; and as though by common consent, the two were left tete-a-tete in a corner.

"Pleasant day," said Peter, to commence the conversation. "Pleasant day, but cold."

"Ah, yes; but I dislike cold weather," said the lady.

"Don't it agree with you, ma'am!"

"Oh, that's not it. I am never ill; but cold weather is so expensive. Lights early, and coals dear," proceeded the lady. "Money slips through one's fingers; and I never waste things."

"My case exactly," said Buskirk. "It's astonishing how things cost. Now, there is butter—say a pound a fortnight."

"Oh, I never eat butter—it costs too much," said the lady.

"Ah! and sugar, tea and coffee."

"If you indulge in such luxuries, what can you expect?" said Mrs. Barlow.

"They are artificial wants altogether, so they are," said Mr. Buskirk. "But, then, habit is second nature."

"Extravagant habits ruin many," said Mrs. Barlow. "Oh! I shudder when I look at those flounces. Such a waste of material."

"I've often thought so," said Peter. And you don't wear them?"

"I," said Mrs. Barlow. "I have my senses, sir. I've no wish to die in a work-house. I've had this dress ten years."

"Indeed!" said Peter. "And I suppose some ladies buy one every month."

"Every ten days," said Mrs. Barlow. "Oh, I blush for my sex, Mr. Buskirk, I do, indeed!"

Peter was charmed. He began to think Mrs. Brown right. The cost of such a wife would be a mere trifle, and what an eye she would keep to the expenses of a household?

Ere the evening was over he had decided it would be cheaper to marry than to remain single, were Mrs. Barlow his help-mate.

"She'd not only be saving herself, but she would cheek me in my little extravagances," said he. "She would be invaluable to me. She wears one dress ten years. The fates must have sent her to earth for my special benefit."

So, after due consideration, Peter resolved to court the economical widow, and that lady being conveniently domiciled at Mrs. Brown's he found every opportunity.

It was a very inexpressible courtship. He gave her not a present. She expected none. He took her nowhere save to church, where neither of them ever saw the plate, and both were happy.

At last he propesed. She blushed and hesitated, and begged time to consider. At last she said: "I am afraid to say yes, Mr. Buskirk. I like you; but you are so terribly extravagant. You drink tea and coffee and eat butter, and really I should fear coming to want, indeed!"

"I! Why I'm the most economical soul living," said Peter.

"Exgravagant people always think that," said the lady. "No, I'm afraid to say yes, unless, indeed, you were to make your property over to me, so that I could be sure you would not ruin yourself. Of course that is impossible and it would be such a care that really I could scarcely desire it, even for a gentleman I so much respect."

And the economical reliet blushed and hesitated.

It was Peter's turn to pause and consider.

He went away to do so, and returning suddenly to his house, found his serving-maid selling drippings to a man. He dismissed her at once, and rushed back to the Widow Barlow's.

"My money would be safer in your hands than mine," he said with a moan. "Marry me, and keep me from being ruined!"

What the widow's answer was may be judged from the fact that three weeks from that day they were married, the clergyman receiving five shilling from Peter, and the bride wearing her brown merino, in the pocket of which she carefully deposited the deeds which made the property exclusively her own.

"Now for happiness," said Peter. "No more thieving servants—no more waste—and a loving wife into the bargain. He, he, he! Peter Buskirk is the man for luck."

And he took his bride home to dine on cold meat and radishes, being absolutely ashamed even to speak of his accustomed mutton chop before so economical a lady.

The next morning he hurried off to business.

"Never waste time, love," said the newly-married dame. "Besides, I've a great deal to attend to, so—good-bye."

"Good-bye," responded Peter. "What a treasure you are, my dear. The washing, I suppose? My mother always washed on Monday."

And away he went, content with himself and all the world.

At 6 he returned. Horror of horrors! there were ladders against his house, and men upon them. Had there been a fire? He rushed up, breathless.

"What is the matter? Who are these men?" he panted. "Fire! thieves? Oh! I must be dreaming."

"Don't make a noise, love," said a voice from the parlor window. "They're only the house painters."

"House—painters!"

"Yes, dear. Don't you know the Dutch proverb, 'a coat of paint pays itself'?"

Peter breathed again.

"But the awful expense he said. Dear, dear, you should have consulted me."

He stumbled into the house, and over the form of a man kneeling in the hall.

"Who are you?" he said.

In reply the person produced a card, on which was printed:

GILT & BINDER, UPHOLSTERERS.

"And what are you doing?" gasped Peter.

"Measuring the hall for a new oil-cloth, sir," said the man.

Peter staggered on.

A woman was making up a carpet in the front parlor; another was arranging curtains.

He rushed up stairs.

There sat another woman at work.

Again he gasped the question. "Who are *you?*"

"Mrs. Buskirk's regular seamstress, please, sir," said the woman.

"And where *is* Mrs Buskirk?"

"Here, love," said a voice.

And there entered from an adjoining room, a lady dressed in silk, and in expensive crinoline, with bracelets, brooch, ear-rings and a little lace cap worth a small fortune.

"The furniture is ordered, and the painters are here, and I've engaged all the servants, Mr. Buskirk," said the lady; "and cook wants to know whether you like beef under or well done. In such things you shall have your choice always. There was no time to make a pudding to-day, so we must have ices. Strawberries, too, are only two shillings a basket."

"Mrs. Buskirk, have you gone crazy, or am I dreaming?" cried Peter.

"I am wide awake, at all events," cried the lady. "I've starved long enough, and worn that brown merino until I hate it. I always was fond of dress—"

"Fond of dress!" repeated Peter; "and loved good things?"

"Loved good things," repeated the spouse: "and now I am married I mean to have them."

"But if—I had—known—I—" began Peter.

"Wouldn't have married me, I suppose," said the bride. "Well, my cousin, Mrs. Brown, told me that, you know."

Peter looked at her. The truth was plain at last. He tried to speak, but could not. He stared at his lady for five minutes by the clock and then rushed out of the house, muttering, "Taken in! taken in!"

It is said Peter Buskirk never recovered the shock. Against his will he lived luxuriously ever after; and his wife astonished the neighborhood by her magnificent attire and grand parties. But nevertheless Peter himself expired in less than a year; and the last words on his lips were said to be "Taken in! taken in!"

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Learn to think and act for yourself.

Keep ahead rather than behind the times,

Young man, cut this out, and if there be any fallacy in the argument let us know.

PUFFING A HOTEL.—"It is not often," says a Pennsylvania correspondent, "that I puff a hotel; but, when I pay my bill at the rate of four dollars a day for sleeping in the 'milky way' and feeding on a bill of fare, it's a privilege and a pleasure to mention such an institution. At Atlanta, Ga., is the largest hotel, I presume, in the world. The halls are so long and winding that many waiters get lost while going after a pitcher of water, and are never heard of until their remains are found years after. I went in there one morning and ordered breakfast. A small colored boy took my order and it was so far out to the kitchen that he was grown and grey-headed when he got back. The hotel is a very large hotel, and everything about it is large, from the feet of the clerks and mouths of the waiters to the bills. It is provided with all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, bay windows, idiots, dirty sheets, everything to make the traveler happy, including an undertaker's establishment for the accommodation of such boarders as starve to death waiting for the waiters. It is a very large hotel, and everybody stops there once."

COCOA VS. COFFEE.—A correspondent of the Housekeeper writes this; "Please permit me to detail my experience as regards drinks for breakfast. I am very fond of coffee, and for years drank it regularly for breakfast. A year ago I changed to cocoa with the following result: I now eat twice as much in the morning, especially of farinaceous food, while I do not require as much lunch as formerly, nor at so early an hour in the day. It seems in my case as if drinking coffee took away my appetite, and did not supply much real nourishment. On the score of economy great saving was made by the change, as twenty cents' worth of cocoa will last nearly as long as a pound of coffee. My wife also feels better for the change, while our girl, who drank coffee at every meal, has also been benefitted by stopping this indulgence."

BAKED BEANS.—Many people do not understand how to have nice baked beans. Bake the beans all day, and, if convenient, let them stay in over night, baking full twenty-four hours, and our word for it, they will come out in the morning with a flavor that will make your mouth water to taste of them. We sometimes see persons who only have a moderate liking for beans, who invariably bake them three or four hours, and that is why they do not like them any better. A day and night is none too much time to bake them, having parboiled them only until the skins will crack when the air comes to them. —*Household.*

Blessed is the man who knows enough to keep his mouth shut. People live sixty years without learning the art. Indeed, the older they grow the wider their mouths open. A man or woman who is a gabbler at forty-five is a dreadful affliction to a house, or church, or community. There are two things this age needs to learn—when to say nothing, and when it says anything to say it well. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, this man's religion is vain."

A Western editor met a well-educated farmer recently, and informed him that he would like to have something from his pen. The farmer sent him a pig, and charged him $9.75 for it.

The Governor of Virginia pardoned a criminal on condition that he shall never use ardent spirits, wine or any other intoxicating beverage.

A recent marriage notice ends with the singular expression, probably added by a waggish friend: "May their future troubles be little ones."

Baby's Bed.

Dainty and white is the little spread,
Cool and smooth is the tiny bed,
Curtained with netting so airy and light,
Not a fly can hide himself from sight;
And there the baby shall sleep, sleep, sleep,
While mother and angels their watch shall keep.
Mother and angels shall watch together,
All through the sultry summer weather.

Fleeciest blankets shall make the spread,
And downiest feathers the little bed,
Where baby, our darling, shall sweetly repose,
Warm to the tips of her cunning wee toes,
When the wintry winds shall blow, blow, blow,
And all the world be white with snow;
And mother and angels shall watch together,
All through the frosty wintry weather.

WINTER IN SANTA BARBARA.

In Santa Barbara, (Cal.,) says a correspondent of the Chicago Times, the sunshine was never brighter, the sky never bluer, nor the air softer, than on this January day. Here in this restful valley now bloom the orange and acacia. The lanes bordered by pepper trees (the most beautiful tree that grows) fling out a spicy odor. Barley knee deep, ripe peas, new potatoes, strawberries, make the garden dear. Roses, heliotrope and mignonette are blooming as in summer time. Here we have walls of geranium, hedges of roses, and the smilax—that tiny green-house vine—clambers over the housetops, and rocks its baby leaves in the shadow of the useless chimneys. Here we carry parasols all winter, bathe in the ocean the year round, go picnicking in midwinter, camp out in December, and gather ferns in January. I have passed six months in Santa Barbara, and shall soon be back to my old home east of the Rockies, but hope to be able to spend each winter of my life in this charming resort. I have been out doors every day, boating, bathing, gathering shells and seaweed, riding over the mountains, gathering ferns and vines in the canons. I have seen here, during my short stay, roses eight inches in diameter, morning glories five inches in diameter, calla lilies eleven inches across, all growing and blooming in the gardens. I have seen here the biggest grape vine in the world, a cucumber four and a half feet long, a radish weighing 28 pounds, a sweet potato 19 pounds, a watermelon 68 pounds, a beet 105 pounds, a squash 140 pounds, a pumpkin 230 pounds, and a Chinese lemon 49 inches in circumference. I have also seen this winter the biggest fleas, and more of them, than any Chicagoan has seen during his whole lifetime. I am a native of Illinois. Chicago is the pride of my heart. I glory in her greatness. It hurts me to find anything in any place else bigger than they have in Chicago. Nevertheless, when I do see a whopper I note it down. I mortify my pride. I say: "It is necessary, in order to maintain the equilibrium of the universe, that there should be a distribution of forces. It is better for the world, for Chicago, not to have everything the biggest and the best." When I look at it in this light I am resigned.

THE PULSE IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.—Every person should know how to ascertain the state of the pulse in health; then, by comparing it with what it is when he is ailing, he may have some idea of the urgency of his case. Parents should know the healthy pulse of each child, since now and then a person is born with a peculiarly slow or fast pulse, and the very case in hand may be of such peculiarity. An infant's pulse is 140; a child of seven about 80, and from 20 to 60 years it is 70 beats a minute, declining to 60 at four-score. A healthful grown person beats 70 times in a minute, declining to 60 at four-score. At 60, if the pulse always exceeds 70, there is a disease; the machine working itself out, there is a fever or inflammation somewhere, and the body is feeding on itself, as in consumption, when the pulse is quick.

A STEP FORWARD.—It is a noteworthy fact that ladies' wearing apparel of all descriptions is made of much warmer stuffs than formerly. Shoes are made warmer, stockings also; undergarments are also universally adopted, and outside garments of style are made of warm and heavy goods. The old notion of wearing thin shoes, doggedly persevered in for so many years, has been utterly abandoned by American women, as well as other silly and demoralizing ideas of dress and fashion. What is needed now in the matter of dress is simplification; so long as women wear complicated and complex costumes, with weeks of toil on each separate article of dress, they will remain, to a very great extent, the slaves of dress and changing styles.

"How much is my bill?" inquired a sad-eyed youth in a Chicago confectionery store the other day.

The proprietor looked over the books a minute, and then replied:

"Sixteen dollars and fifteen cents."

As the young man drew forth his wallet to meet the account he sighed deeply and said:

"I tell you, this is tough."

"How so?" asked the confectioner.

"Oh, she's gone back on me."

"Who?"

"Oh, she—the girl that eat all this candy," continued the unhappy youth, "and I tell you it's hard to pay for so much sweetness after it's gone and soured on a fellow."

The candy man ackowledged that it did seem kind of tough.

A Western map-agent on a recent trip was attacked by highway robbers, who demanded his money. He hadn't any. "But," said the agent, "I have some splendid maps of the country along with me, which I should like to show you," and in a twinkling he was off his horse, had a map stuck upon a pole, and explained it so effectually that he sold each of the bandits a map, pocketed the money and resumed his journey.

"Science," says Dr. Holmes, "is a good piece of furniture for a man to have in an upper chamber, provided he has common sense on the ground floor."

An author says that one of the uses of adversity is to bring us out. That is true, particularly at the knees and elbows.

The saying that "there is more pleasure in giving than receiving" is supposed to refer chiefly to kicks, medicine and advice.

Josh Billings says, "I don't recolleet now of ever hearing of two dogs fighting unless there was a man or two around."

Among the latest arrivals at Cleveland was a huge Canadian black bear, who came sailing into port on a cake of ice.

Senator Sharon is depressed by the hard times. His mines will yield only $40,000,000 this year.

A PRINTER'S DREAM.

A printer sat in his office chair, his boots were patched and his coat threadbare, while his face looked weary and worn with care; while sadly thinking of business debts, old Morpheus slowly around him crept, and before he knew it he soundly slept; and sleeping he dreamed that he was dead, from trouble and toil his spirit had fled, and that not even a cow bell tolled, for the peaceful rest of his cow hide sole; as he wandered downward among the glades, that smoke and scorch in lower shades, he shortly observed an iron door, that creaking swung on hinges ajar, but the entrance was closed by a red hot bar, and Satan himself stood peeping out, and watching for travelers thereabout, and thus to the passing spoke and with a growling voice the echo woke: "come in, my dear, it shall cost you nothing, and never fear; this is the place where I cook the ones, who never pay their subscription sums, for though in life they may escape, they will find when dead it is too late; I will show you the place where I melt them thin with red hot chains and scraps of tin, and also where I comb their heads with broken glass and melted lead, and if of refreshments they only think, there's boiling water for them to drink; there the red hot grindstone to grind down his nose and red hot rings to wear on his toes, and if they mention they don't like fire, I sew up their mouths with red hot wire; and then, dear sir, you should see them squirm while I roll them over and cook to a turn;" with these last words the printer awoke, and thought it all a practical joke; but still at times so real does it seem, that he cannot believe it was all a dream; and often he thinks with a chuckle and a grin, of the fate that awaits those who save their tin, and never pay the printer.

"You want nothing of iron ware but a dish-kettle," said an old housewife in the backwoods, to her daughter who just got married. "Why, when your father and I commenced, I had nothing but a dish-kettle. I used to boil my coffee in it, and pour that into a pitcher; then boiled my potatoes in it, and set them on a warm plate, while I stewed up my meat in it. I used to milk in it; and always after a meal, I fed the pigs out of the dish-kettle.—You can do a grat deal with a dish-kettle, Sally, if you are only a mind to."

We have somewhere met with this assertion, which seems worth repeating: "Six things are requisite to create a happy home. Integrity must be the architect, and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection, lighted up with cheerfulness, and industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day; while over all, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except the blessing of God."

The freezing of fruit in the bud, frequently occasioned by a few warm days succeeded by late frosts, it is said, may be prevented by spreading a thick layer of frozen manure, or of ice or snow, around the trees, in February or March, while the ground is firmly frozen. The buds will thus be kept back, since the ground will thaw more slowly, and the roots convey no nutriment to the tree. When frosts are no longer to be feared the covering should be removed.

A little boy when picking the drumstick of a chicken, swallowed one of the tendons which are so numerous in the legs of a fowl, and was very nearly choked. The tendon was, however, extracted with great difficulty from the little fellow's throat, when he exclaimed, "Oh, mamma, it wasn't the chickabiddy's fault: it was because cook forgot to take off his garter."

A North Carolina negro thought he could outrun a locomotive the other day on the Air Line road, and when he picked himself up, after being thrown twenty feet and landing on his head, he said: "Yer don't ketch dis yer chile doin' dat agin. It's a right smart wonder I didn't tear dese britches clean off."

Self-respect is the noblest garment with which a man may clothe himself—the most elevating feeling with which the mind can be inspired. One of Pythagoras' wisest maxims, in his golden verses, is that which enjoins the pupil to reverence himself.

"Now," said a citizen of Rawlins, Wyoming Territory, at a recent dance, "you see that heifer in a red dress? that's my wife; an' if you dance with her more'n two times pard, I'll shute the hull top of your head off. What'll yer drink?"

The owner of a pair of bright eyes says the prettiest compliment she ever received came from a child of four years. The little fellow, after looking intently at her for a moment, inquired naively, "Are your eyes new ones?"

It is an excellent plan to have some place where we can go to be quiet when things vex or grieve us. There are a good many hard times in this life of ours, but we can always bear them if we ask help in the right way.

Old Sam B——, a carpenter of Trenton, was engaged to build a fence, and was consulted as to the best material for posts. "Locust, madam, locust; the darned stuff will last a life time; I've tried um twice."

A wag of a gourmand who had made himself ill by feasting on fish, said he embodied the trio of the fiery furnace, thus—shad-rack, me-sick and abed-we-go.

Rev. Mr. Winslow will shortly visit the United States for the purpose of examining the interior conduct of our prisons.

A Vermonter says pumpkin seeds are the best bait for mouse traps.

When can a lamp said to be in bad temper? When it is put out.

How to make a good thing last—make everything else first.

A man is never so poor as when he half owns a house.

Who keeps Lent the longest and best? Money.

A noisy piece of crockery—the cup that cheers.

Hotel-keepers are people we have to put up with.

Not a case of necessity—a cigar case.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1876.

CONGRESSMAN Seelye is receiving many compliments for a very effective speech he delivered on the currency question last Saturday. He sees no safe way out of our troubles only by contracting and funding the greenbacks; and we guess he isn't far from right.

IT is a sort of a satisfaction to know that America, after all, does not have a monopoly of all the big rascals. Over in Belgium they have just had a little excitement caused by the discovery of a defalcation of 6,000,000 franes by an officer of the Bank of Brussels. The culprit started for our centennial, but was arrested just before the steamer sailed, and so has postponed his trip for the present.

WILLIAM S. ROBINSON, well known as a correspondent under his *nom de plume* of "Warrington," died at his home in Malden last Saturday at the age of 58 years. Mr. Robinson was Clerk of the House of Representatives from 1862 to 1872 inclusive, and has also been a member of the House, but he is best known as a writer. He was a sharp critic of friend and foe, but had a warm heart, and hosts of friends, who will sincerely mourn his loss.

THE U. S. Senate has passed a bill for the admission of New Mexico as a State. The territority has a population of 88,000 Mexicans, 20,000 Indians, and a few thousand Americans proper, while 75 per cent. of the population, it is alleged, can neither read nor write, and what schools there are are entirely in the control of the Roman Catholics. It would seems wise to wait awhile before giving them all the privileges of a State.

A BILL equalizing bounties has been favorably reported in the House, at Washington, which, if it should pass, would take at least twenty, and perhaps sixty millions, from the treasury. There's lots and lots of soldiers who will vote in the next Presidential election, you know. When the bill passes it will be in order to cut off a few hundred dollars more from the salaries of the department clerks, to show the country what the Democrats are doing for economy.

ECONOMY is the watchword of the Democratic House of Representatives at Washington. They virtuously refused, on that score, to print the usual number of copies of the President's message at the beginning of the session, and have now unanimously voted to publish 300,000 copies of the Agricultural Report, which is chiefly valuable for kindling fires and for disposal to the rag man. But the Democrats see a prospective value in it as an entering wedge to the revival of the franking privilege.

THE election in New Hampshire on Tuesday resulted in a sweeping victory for the Republicans, Gov. Cheney being re-elected by a majority of over 3000, against a plurality last year of 172, while the Legislature is largely Republican, insuring the election of a Republican U. S. Senator. The result is something of a staggerer to the Democrats, who had boasted loudly of their ability to carry the State, and who considered the Belknap business the "little joker" which would insure their victory. But the figures show that the people have more confidence yet in the Republicans than they have in the Democrats.

DOWN in Kentucky they have been having wonderful doings, recently. On the 3d inst., near Gill's Sulphur Spring, there was a "shower of flesh," which fell from a clear sky, covering a couple acres of ground with small strips of quivering meat said to resemble mutton, and which the hogs and chickens ate with a relish, but which most of the people approached with superstitious dread, and refused to touch. The flesh remained on the ground for three days, and various explanations of the phenomenon have been offered. Some thought it the result of a futile attempt at materialization among some of the spirits in the upper world, while others suggested that it was only the beginning of a new and providential dispensation for these hard times, and that "Old Probs" might be expected to amend his bulletins hereafter something after this fashion: "For the New England States, falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, with beef steaks, changing to mutton chops during the night." But these pleasant visions have been rudely dissipated by Prof. J. L. Smith of Louisville, who has analyzed specimens of the flesh and declares it to be dried spawn of batrachian reptiles, probably the frog, transported from ponds and swampy grounds by currents of wind. Similar occurrences have happened before in the history of the world.

While the down freight train on the New London Northern railroad was standing at the station at Millers' Falls, early last Saturday morning, it was run into by the freight going east on the Fitchburg road, and a brakeman on the latter train was killed and two engines and some half a dozen cars considerably damaged. The signals gave the New London train the right of way, but the hands on the other train say that their brakes would not hold.

Japan has declared war against Corea for ill treatment of Japanese subjects, and has blockaded her ports. Corea has a population of from eight to twenty millions. In 1871 our Admiral Rogers destroyed several of their river fortifications.

Of the twelve hundred teachers employed in the schools of Boston, over eight hundred are women. Yet the less than four hundred men receive more money in salaries than they. In other words, the women teachers do more than two-thirds of the work for less than half the pay.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

A mare thirty-three years old is in daily use in Baltimore.

One county in Illinois sold its peppermint crop last year for $500,000.

Every pupil in the Boston Latin school costs the city $240 a year.

There are 200 tons of silver coin in the Boston sub-treasury.

The last Asiatic steamer brought 531 Chinese into this country.

There are 23,000 skilled laborers idle in Berlin, and the number is increasing.

Connecticut has 3,193 liquor dealers, and their traffic amounts to $15,000,000 a year.

It is asserted that out of the 150,000,000 women in China, only a few thousand can read or write.

A pig with eight legs, four ears and two tails, born on the farm of Lucius J. Butts, is the latest Providence sensation.

A lump of crude iron was recently rolled into a leaf so thin that four square inches only weighed one grain.

The licenses to shoot game in Scotland amount to $3,000,000 annually—much more than all the game is worth.

Silver no longer commands a premium in New York. The brokers will pay only par in paper for it.

The American Dairymen's Association will erect a butter and cheese factory on the centennial grounds.

The London underground railroad carried 26,000,000 passengers last year, and earned a dividend of four per cent.

Louis Bois lives on the Canada border and has smuggled twenty-four children into the world in spite of the Custom House.

In England the country bred boys average an inch and a quarter more in height and seven pounds more in weight than the city boys.

Gold ought to be plenty in the Black Hills if the price of flour there indicates the price of other necessities. Flour sells at 28 cents a pound.

An extensive vein of amethyst has been found near Monticello, Ga. Some of the stones are very large and brilliant, and sell for $100 a pound.

The largest ice house in the world is in Brussels, Belgium. It covers an area of 18,000 square feet and will store a million tons of ice.

A family at Newark, N. J., subsists on dog meat obtained by catching stray dogs. It is not a case of necessity, but the result of a disgusting appetite.

A woman of Xenia, O., offered her husband a divorce the other day for a sealskin cloak. Of course he was only too happy to accept the offer.

A funeral procession was so overcome by the mud at Ewingville, Mass., the other day, that the mourners had to get out of their teams and walk along on foot.

Shasta, Cal., had a rainfall of 12.66 inches between Sunday evening and Monday morning recently, and a total of 60.96 inches for the rainy season.

An English stock company are buying up all the wild pine lands in Georgia. They will send over immigrants, get out the turpentine, and then sell the lands.

An effort is to be made in San Francisco to close all cemeteries which are within the city limits, the public health demanding that no further interments in them be allowed.

They have got a boy in Binghamton five years old, who is physically perfect, healthy, talks distinctly, is very active, and weighs only nine pounds. He is twenty-three inches high.

A Meriden watchmaker removed a gold ring from a lady's finger last week, where it had been allowed to remain till the member had grown to twice its natural size, and was also mortified considerably.

Just a year ago a Norwegian, when drunk, froze his hands and feet so badly near Decorah, Iowa, that they had to be amputated. His wife last week got judgment for $9,500 against the druggist that sold him the liquor.

Malden boasts of an elm, the age of which is said to be over 226 years. It is eighty-six feet in height, twenty-six feet in circumference. It was under this elm that General Washington and staff halted while on their way to Charlestown Neck.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

A bill has been reported in the House providing for a board of factory inspectors, to examine fire escapes, etc., in factories, and see that the laws in relation to employing minors are observed.

It is proposed to pass a law that in pronouncing sentence of death, the court shall appoint the time for its execution.

The Boston & Albany investigation cost the State about $1500.

A measure is before the House requiring an interchange between assessors of cities and towns of lists of personal property taxable in places other than where it exists, so that it may be more sure of being taxed than it now is.

The Massachusetts Family Bank bill has passed the House, and now goes to the Senate.

The finance committee has reported a new bill making appropriations for the various State institutions, dividing them into two heads, one of which is for salaries. This is intended to prevent any officials of these institutions going before the Governor and Council and getting their salaries raised, as they have sometimes done.

The Board of Agriculture has just presented its annual report, and must have some interesting reading, judging from some of the heads over the pages, as, for instance, "How About Beans? The Arab Rule, The Orthodox Height, A Little French Blood, A Shining Light, Down on Russets, Boulders and Meteorites, Horns and Hoofs," etc.

Gov. Rice received the members of the Legislature, heads of departments, etc., last evening at the Hotel Brunswick.

The Senate repented of its former action, and on Wednesday passed the resolve providing for a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution, by a vote of 18 to 10.

The House has passed a bill fixing the poll tax at the uniform rate of $2 throughout the State.

BANK FAILURE.—The First National Bank of Duluth, Minn., has failed, and is said to have little in the way of available assets for its liabilities of $30,000 to depositors and $52,000 to holders of its drafts, etc. The failure will cause great distress at Duluth. The principal stockholder is said to be J. L. Dodge, president of the National Mahaiwe bank at Great Barrington, Mass., and as stockholders are liable for double the amount of their stock, he is likely to be a heavy loser.

The Lower House of the Legislature of California recently voted to dispense with the services of their chaplain. The State Senate, at its organization in December, passed a similar resolution.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Yesterday was "St. Patrick's Day in the morning."

Horace Paine has taken a clerkship in the store of H. P. & J. S. Holden.

Rev. A. H. Sweetser's third lecture, next Wednesday evening, at 7.30.

Tickets for town officers are plenty, but many a slate will get smashed.

L. C. Carter has a hen's egg which he claims measures 7 x 10 inches.

In answer to popular petition the High School in this village will begin next Wednesday.

An extra car brought home a number of music-lovers from Thomas' grand concert in Springfield, Monday night.

H. P. Holden and S. W. Smith are doing a little "courting" in Springfield, on the first and second juries, respectively.

A pleasant party was enjoyed by the very little folks at the residence of A. H. Willis on Thorndike Street, Wednesday.

Division No. 1, A. O. H., from this village, attended Mass at the new church, in a body, with full regalia, on St. Patrick's Day, in the morning.

Mr. Northrop has not been able to fill his ice houses the past winter. Consequently we shall have to drink less sherry cobblers next summer.

E. B. Phelps, teacher of music in the collegiate institute at Springfield, proposes to take classes for the piano and violin hereabouts, this season.

Two or three Palmer Templars made their annual trip to Worcester, Wednesday, in attendance at the meetings of the State Lodge, I. O. G. T.

In Belchertown and Mansfield where dogs have run mad the selectmen order all canines muzzled. Here in Palmer the selectmen let mad dogs and rumsellers have free run.

There will be Universalist services in Union Hall, Sunday, at the usual hours. Preaching by Rev. J. R. Johnson of Westfield. Sabbath School at close of morning service.

A quilting and tea-party at Mr. John A. Squier's in this village, and a surprise party that called upon Mr. Ferry at Silver street, were among the pleasures of Wednesday evening.

A correspondent writing from Suffield, Ct., boasts of possessing a penny dated 1749, and a pair of knee-buckles that his grandfather used to wear. One of his neighbors, a lady, has a newspaper printed in 1728.

Mrs. Julia A. Seism comes out well in her land damage case, against the Ware River R. R. Co., the sheriff's jury awarding her $3900 with interest, making the total $4548, whereas the award of the commissioners was only $3000.

Tyler Hamilton has been appointed the agent of the "Union Temperance Mutual Relief Association of Western Massachusetts," which extends its benefits only to actual members of secret temperance societies, on a plan similar to that in vogue among the Masons.

There will be a service in the Congregational Church Sunday evening, with preaching to young men. It will be prefaced by a half hour Service of Praise, singing to be accompanied by the cornet and organ. The public are invited. No service in the afternoon.

Mr. Chapman, a brakeman who was injured by an accident at West Warren, while on duty, has been appointed flagman at the Boston & Albany's Blanchardville crossing. The company replaced the wooden bridge east of this crossing with the expected iron bridge, a few Sundays since.

Last Sunday morning the sextons of the Baptist and Congregational churches found that somebody had been tampering with their bells, as the tongues of both were missing, and they have not yet been recovered. This kind of larceny is apt to meet with heavy punishment should the jovial thieves be discovered.

Prof. G. C. Wheeleer, who played so acceptably at Mrs. Clark's concert, has received several urgent calls to take a class of piano pupils in this place, and he will probably accept, making visits after the first of April. He has sold two more new pianos from the Boston manufactory of Guild, Church & Co., to Palmer parties.

Fred. Hamilton of West Warren came to Palmer Thursday afternoon "on his way to the Black Hills," and dropped into a saloon to bid his old friends good-bye. Having too much liquor aboard he soon became quarrelsome, and attacked one Will. Finnerty with a dirk knife, gashing the palm of his hand to the bone. Fred. spent the night in the lock-up, awaiting an examination.

The Wilcox Post 16, G. A. R., of Springfield, are busily rehearsing for a grand presentation of the "The Color Guard" at the Opera House, every evening next week. The play is advertised as one of the finest ever brought out, and the Post will be assisted by 30 ladies, Peabody Guard, Æolian Quartette, Southland's Orchestra and a full military band. An advertisement in another column, and "The Color Guard" program sheet give full particulars.

The first dramatic entertainment will be given in Wales Hall next Thursday evening, 23d, when an amatuer club will give the fine drama, "Blow for Blow." New and elegant scenery has been secured, expressly for the play, and a handsomely painted drop curtain and side wings will be provided by Mr. French. The cast of characters chosen is exceptionally good, and no pains will be spared to make it worthy the patronage of all who wish to enjoy a pleasant evening's entertainment. Admission 25 and 35 cents, all seats being reserved.

A young man who was recently entrusted by his mother with some $25, to make a purchase of a cow, came to this village, and instead of buying the bovine, invested the money in an antiquated horse and carriage. Then to bind the bargain, possibly, he dropped into a saloon, where he fell among—friends, who invited him to join in a game of "seven-up." After a time he was induced to put up his new purchase as a stake,—he played and lost, while the victors drove off in triumph, leaving him to foot it home the best way he could. The cruel and abusive treatment of the poor old horse by his new owners was witnessed by many of our citizens.

A private letter from Spartansburgh, S. C., where some of our Massachusetts people are building up a new settlement, speaks in glowing terms of its delightful climate and advantages. The mercury reaches 70° above zero every day, and peach trees are in full bloom. Mr. Clark, who went from Palmer, has been appointed managing agent of the English Manufacturing Company, and is busily at work upon his new house, which he expects to finish soon, when he will open a "country store" for the supply of the settlers at the new "Hurricane Shoals," and his will be the first regular store in the place; he will probably be the first post-master also. Yankee thrift and enterprise will make their mark wherever they gain a foothold.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

Next Monday our annual town election occurs, and more than ordinary interest will enter into the election of officers and the appropriations to be made. Reform and retrenchment form the prevailing sentiment. The old board of selectmen cannot be improved upon, yet there is a disposition to make some changes. A "Reform" ticket is proposed, to consist of J. O. Hamilton, T. D. Potter and Joseph Thompson. There is another, which substitutes the name of James S. Loomis for Mr. Thompson, and still another which contains the name of J. A. Palmer. The foreign element will go strong against Constable Palmer, who has patrolled our streets in the interest of good order for several years. The present board of assessors is entirely satisfactory, and what is the use of a change? One member must be elected for the school committee, and at this writing Dr. Wm. Holbrook is the favorite candidate hereabouts. Somebody also suggests the name of S. S. Taft, and E. B. Gates, who has seen service on all the boards in town, and makes a good officer anywhere, is among the "mentioned."

The appropriations will be sharply looked after. At least $800 should be appropriated for a tomb at the Center cemetery, and $1000 or more ought to be set apart for draining the streets of our villages—a measure economical for the highways and beneficial to the health of the inhabitants. The following estimate of appropriations has been furnished us, and it is certainly worthy of consideration:

Highways,	$2,500
Bridges,	500
Support of Poor,	1,800
To apply on Town Debt,	3,000
Schools (to which will be added the income from Merrick and State funds, and dog tax, about $800),	5,500
Contingencies,	2,000
Tomb at Center Cemetery,	700
Drainage of Village Streets,	1,200

ANOTHER SCENE IN THE ADDIE WALKER ROMANCE.—SHE IS PUT UNDER HEAVY BONDS FOR APPEARANCE AT THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The public interest felt in the case of Addie Walker, *alias* Stanley, was manifested by the packed court room on Thursday, many ladies being among the curious crowd that listened from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., to the testimony given. Addie was brought from Springfield in the morning by the officers, and walked to the court room closely veiled. Justice Robinson presided at the trial, and the complainant, Columbus C. Orcutt, was the first witness called. He testified that he had known Addie from her youth, and that she had worked in his family. He had received from Addie some $4450, at different times, in trust for her, and said he repaid the whole amount before 1873. He was appointed her guardian at her urgent request. In October, 1875, Addie came to his house to get some money. She said her husband had left her $4762 and that her mother-in-law would break the will unless she paid her $1700. James Snow, a Worcester lawyer, was executor of the will, and she could get from him a $3000 bond to secure Mr. Orcutt from loss if he would let her have the money. This Snow she represented to be wealthy and a large owner of real estate, etc. In the evening she brought the bond which she said had been drawn up and signed by Mr. Snow. Next day, Addie went to Ware by way of Palmer, and Orcutt *via* West Warren. Here they met, Orcutt drew his money, and took the bond to lawyer Davis, who said it was good. But Orcutt was not satisfied and wanted to go to Worcester and hunt up Snow. Addie persuaded him to ride to Palmer with her, and on the way they met a stranger, who knew Snow, and vouched for his wealth and ability to make good his promises. At Palmer the couple went to Judge Allen's office for him to examine the bond. Addie's nervous conduct aroused Judge Allen's suspicions, and on close examination, he discovered that no "consideration" was mentioned in the bond, which would render it almost valueless, and cautioned Orcutt against taking it. They then went out, but soon came back, when Orcutt said he had concluded to let her have the money, she giving her note for the amount, and promising to get a new and better bond for him. The money was paid in the presence of the judge. What occurred during that 10 minutes' absence, that caused Orcutt to reconsider, is a matter of conjecture. The other principal witnesses were Judge Allen and Mrs. Orcutt. S. S. Taft for the defense brought no witness, but claimed that Addie's story about the will money was false, and that the false pretenses related to the past and not to future promises, in order to bring it within the provisions of the statute. Lawyer Gardner, on the contrary, claimed that the false pretence was in obtaining money of Orcutt, by making him believe in the existence and good financial standing of the mythical lawyer, James Snow.

In conclusion, Addie was put under $5000 bonds for appearance at the May term of the Superior Court, an effort to reduce the amount of bail being unsuccessful. In default of bail, she was remanded to jail.

It now comes out that Addie is a native of Palmer, and that her father was the victim of an accident at Blanchardville, where he lived many years ago. He was out one Sunday, with one or two others, shooting rats in a mill which stood on or near the site of the lately burned mill, and seeing a rat sitting on a keg, fired. The keg happened to contain powder, and as a result a boy named Hannum was killed, and Walker badly burned.

BELCHERTOWN.

Geo. W. Randall will sell at auction on the 29th inst., a large lot of real estate, as described by the advertisement of A. J. Jenks in another column.

ENFIELD.

William Wetherbee of Belchertown was arrested for stealing a sleigh from A. Newcomb of Greenwhich, and Justice Richards fined him, inclusive of costs, $14.45.

WILBRAHAM.

Principal Fellows has an attack of erysipelas.

Ira G. Potter is foreman of the second jury in Springfield.

Prof. Phillips was badly bitten by a dog the other evening.

The Congregational parish has chosen A. A. Phelps clerk and treasurer, and F. J. Warner, Charles Corbin and Lorin Phelps committee. The pastor offered to accept a smaller salary, but the usual $1500 was voted.

MONSON.

Olympus Lodge, I. O. G. T., present "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," at Green's Hall, on Friday evening next.

A party of "right smarts chaps" from the Monson quarry, among whom are William McAuliffee, Edward Moore, Patrick Dunn, Frank Duffy and John Barry, have made up their minds to try their luck among the Black Hills. They will be taken right through to the new "El Dorado" for $50, and invite any adventurous Yankees who wish to join them to leave their names at the JOURNAL office.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The roads are pretty well settled about the village.

The Young Ladies' Charitable Society met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Dr. Richardson.

The net receipts of the "people's course" of lectures the past winter amounted to a little over $50.

The unoccupied house of Mrs. H. C. Wetherell was recently entered by burglars and some few articles stolen.

Mr. F. Gognon of Worcester will give a lecture in Music Hall next Monday evening, under the auspices of the St. Jean Baptiste society.

The amount of the doctors' bills for the poor last year was $383.31, instead of the amount reported last week, but $107.05 was paid for old bills.

The Methodist society have a centennial tea party and an old folks' concert in Music Hall next Wednesday evening. Mr. R. L. Hathaway will take charge of the concert. Now is is the time to trot out your old relics.

John Knapp, a traveling silk peddler, pretending to hail from West Springfield, made a brief visit to Ware last week, but stayed long enough to defraud several of our citizens, and forgot to pay his hotel bill when he left.

John Storrs has exchanged his property on Williams street, lately purchased of Peter Hayes, with James McArdle, for property on West Main street adjoining his own. It is probable that Mr. Storrs will now open a new street from Pleasant to West Main street.

A dead infant, apparently full grown, was found near the residence of G. V. Jacobs on West Main street last Tuesday afternoon. We learn that a bundle was seen near the place in the brush about the last of January, but direct attention was not called to it, as it looked like a bundle of rags. Tuesday afternoon, however, some children playing near the spot discovered the body, which had evidently lain some time. The body was put into the tomb and an investigation will be made to discover the one who placed it there.

The High School closed last Friday, and the graduating exercises were held in the Unitarian church in the evening. The church was elaborately trimmed about the platform with living and ent flowers, while the class motto, "Noble Ends by Noble Means," was raised over the platform on a frame and made in evergreen. The church was densely packed, and at a little before 8 o'clock, the school, escorted by the West Brookfield Cornet Band of 18 pieces, marched in and took seats in front. Rev. J. L. Marsh opened with prayer; Miss Nellie Snow then gave the salutatory in Latin, which was followed by an essay by Miss Alice Holmes on "Habit," and one by Miss Eudora Sheldon on "Agitations," and then came music by the band. Miss Lizzie Moore then read an essay on "Opportunities," Miss Nellie Foster one on "Personal Rights," and Fred. W. Gage delivered an original oration on the "Price of Success." After music there followed in turn an essay by Miss Clara Richardson on "Dark Clouds and their Silver Lining," an original oration by Thomas Keefe on "Religion, the Basis of Education," and an essay on "The Future," by Miss Ella Eaton, and more music, after which, in a few and appropriate remarks, the diplomas were presented by Rev. A. B. P. Perkins, D. D. The valedictory was then given by Miss Affa Miner, subject, "Over the Alps, Lieth Italy." To undertake to discriminate between any of these parts would be too much, and suffice it to say that they were all admirable and were a high encomium on the school and its management. After the exercises the class supper was served in the vestry of the church. The annual reunion of the school took place Tuesday evening at the school house. The party assembled was large and jolly, and merriment reigned.

Fragments.

—Fast Day, April 13th.

—Secretary Taft is a six-footer.

—A Texas mother is 13 years old.

—They raise their own tea in Georgia.

—Wages are lower now than in the West.

—The sugar camps up on the hills are lively now.

—They say Mrs. Belknap was born in Massachusetts.

—A Boston "count" says there are 503,000 beans in a barrel.

—A Webster man, weighing most 350 pounds, died suddenly on Monday.

—Massachusetts has furnished eight English Ministers, and good ones, too.

—Ex-Gov. Gaston is "mentioned" as a possible Democratic candidate for the Presidency.

—Measure your lobsters. Some Bostonians have been arrested for selling under-sized ones.

—It is yet an unsettled question whether the Philadelphia show will be open on Sundays.

—The Prince of Wales, having completed his tour in India and been defied by the natives, is on his way home.

—Dr. Mary Walker is said to have sworn just once, and that was when she got her pants on wrong side before.

—Parisians consumed over 6000 horses and 800 jackasses last year. Wish they'd make way with a few of our two-legged ones.

—Ex-Secretary Belknap's wife engaged a cottage at New London, for the summer, a short time before the bribery exposure.

The House committee on Patents has reported adversely on the petition of A. B. Wilson for an extension of his patent for feed motion on sewing machines, they thinking he has made fortune enough out of it. The testimony showed that the cost of making a machine is not over $12 or $15, and their price must ultimately be largely reduced, which will be a great boon to the poor sewing women.

Recent heavy thaws have swollen some of the Vermont streams heavily. In the vicinity of Vergennes the country is overflowed for miles, and bridges and fences are swept away. At Chester, Williams river broke through its banks, reaching a height of ten feet almost instantly, it is said, and several persons narrowly escaped drowning.

Five masked men entered a citizen's house at Dollytown, N. Y., Saturday night, and made the proprietor give them the key of his safe, and departed with $20,000 in U. S. bonds and some $10,000 worth of silverware and jewelry.

The Coast Wrecking Co., are at work on Rockaway Beach, off Freeport, L. I., endeavoring to raise the wreck of the ship Mexico, which went to the bottom there in 1836, and they are confident they will recover the treasure, amounting to some $500,000.

John E. Churchill, a machinest employed until recently by the Florence sewing machine Co., committed suicide last week, in a fit of mental depression caused by loss of work.

The Government has sued the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. for $300,000, alleged unpaid taxes and penalties.

FIRE ITEMS.—Close upon the heels of the Brooklyn, N. Y., holocaust, where nearly 30 persons were burned to death, comes the destruction of the poor-house at Norwich, Ct., last Sunday evening. There were 55 inmates, many of them aged people, and so rapid was the spread of the flames that fourteen of them were burned to death, and others more or less injured by jumping from windows. The loss on building is about $15,000, insured for $5,000.—The Hooker school house in Springfield was slightly damaged by an incendiary fire last Friday night. It was partly destroyed in the same way about a year ago.——James Ellsworth's tobacco warehouse at Northampton was burned on Saturday night. Loss about $9000; insured for $6,750.——The house, barn and tobacco shed of James Irvin, in Hadley, were burned Saturday morning, with his crop of tobacco, which was on the poles.——The ship Majestic, owned in Boston, was struck by lightning at New Orleans on Sunday and set on fire; loss about $53,000.

ANOTHER TORNADO.—There was a terrific wind, rain and thunder storm in the Northwest last Friday afternoon and night, amounting to a tornado in some places, killing about twenty persons, injuring many others, and causing the destruction of a large amount of property. Hazel Green, a lead-mining town in Grant Co., Wis., suffered most, eight persons being killed and a dozen more seriously injured, and 26 buildings being demolished. At Elizabethtown, on the Missiouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, five people were killed, and at other places a few lives were lost, and buildings blown down, the little village of Shrinkey, Mo., being utterly demolished. It is estimated that in two counties in Missouri 1000 miles of fence are prostrated. Eight inches of hail were left in some places, after the storm had passed.

The ice above the Holyoke dam broke up on Friday last, taking with it 500,000 feet of the Holyoke Lumber Co.'s logs. Last year the ice didn't start until the 10th of April.

A SUBSTITUTE has been found for crutches—it is called Rome's Pain-Killing Magic Oil, and is the best remedy to cure any kind of pain or lameness in use. Sold by all druggists and merchants.

DO you have a pain in your back in the morning, and is it with difficulty that you move in your bed? If so, your kidneys are diseased. Do not use plasters, they will do you no good; take HUNT'S REMEDY and be cured. HUNT'S REMEDY cures Dropsy and all diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder, and Urinary Organs.

THE "People's Store"—Fay's new shoe store, 383 Main St., Springfield—the wants of the whole public can be supplied here. They are now opening their spring stock, and will, in order to meet the demands of the times, make their prices lower than ever. Those in want of boots and shoes, after having tried every other store, will do well to call at Fay's, and it is more than probable they will be suited.

HOUSE-CLEANING time is at hand, and new carpets and oil cloths are needed. You can get both in Springfield at a discount, and have a pleasant day's excursion free. Metcalf & Luther offer the largest stock of housekeeping goods in Western Massachusetts, and have some fine carpets and oil cloths that are going at bargains to cash purchasers. Call at their great ware rooms opposite Court Square. §

WHILE on a visit to Springfield a few days since, we spent an half hour in looking over the beautiful Spring styles of Wall Paper and Curtain Hangings to be seen at the store of D. Warner's Sons & Co. They have confessedly the largest stock in the city, and the beauty and variety of their patterns are a constant surprise and delight. They keep the latest and best styles of Curtain Fixtures, as well as all kinds of Artists' Materials. It is astonishing to see how beautiful are the new designs. Rooms papered with some of these pretty designs will be beautiful indeed. The proprietors informed us that they would sell so low that any one who wanted to buy $10 worth could save their fare by calling on them. The store, 100 feet deep, and packed with all kinds of Paper Hangings, &c., is nearly opposite Court Square. §

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BORN.

At Enfield, 7th, a daughter to JOSEPH WALKER.

At Belchertown, 14th, a daughter to EDWARD F. TOWNE.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 13th, by Rev. E. A. Goddard, JOSEPH CADIEUX and ROSA TUCHETTE, both of Three Rivers.

DIED.

At South Wilbraham, 16th, at the house of A. C. Burleigh, FREDERICK ALDEN, 10 years 7 months, only child of Albert and Lonisa Burleigh of Palmer. Funeral from the house of Albert Burleigh, Palmer, Sunday, at 4 o'clock p. m.
At Palmer, 15th, SAMUEL WALLACE, 43.
At Belchertown, 13th, LOUISA, 75, widow of Alvah Ward.
At Brimfield, 14th, Miss LUCY PYNCHON, 76.
At South Wilbraham, 12th, AUSTIN SPAULDING, 39.
At West Brookfield, 10th, CARRIE, eldest daughter of O. P. Kendrick.
At South Amherst, 11th, OLIVER S. LONGLEY, 55.
At Brimfield, 10th, JAMES E. WALKER, 64.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Bridget Lane, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
JOSHUA TRACY, Adm'r.
Monson, March 7th, 1876. 3w45

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Edward L. Stutson, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Epaphro A. Day, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
3w51 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Fitzgerald, of Springfield, in said county, minor, greeting:

Whereas, Joseph Thompson, the guardian of said minor, has presented his petition for license to sell certain real estate therein specified of his said ward for investment, at private sale, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
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The residence of the late Elias Turner, 69 South Main street, Palmer Depot. For particulars inquire on the premises. 50tf

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I would respectfully inform my friends and customers that I have removed my stock of

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN SS.—To Jason A. Palmer, Constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

Art. 3.—To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4.—To act upon the report of the school committee, selectmen, overseers of the poor, and other town officers.

Art. 5.—To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.—To see if the town will raise any money to reduce the debt of the town.

Art. 7.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed the ensuing year.

Art. 9.—To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will make any by-laws and regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 12.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 13.—To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 14.—To see if the town will build a tomb in the cemetery near the Town Hall, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 15.—To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp-room.

Art. 16.—To see what disposition the town will make, if any, of the land bought of A. N. Dewey for a lock-up.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote a salary for the sealer of weights and measures.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way, a street as laid out and worked by Marshall Fox, beginning on the south side of South Main street, in the Depot village, and running south 70° west about 37 rods to land of the New London Northern R. R. corporation.

The names of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot; Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby required to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1876.

J. O. HAMILTON, ENOS CALKINS, E. B. GATES, } Selectmen of Palmer.
Copy—Attest: J. A. PALMER,
2w50 Constable.

ADMINISTRATRIX' SALE!

By virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest of Lyman A. Nelson, late of said Palmer, deceased, in and to the following described real estate, situate in that part of Palmer called Tenneyville, on the westerly side of the road leading from Palmer to Monson, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road, thence southerly on said road about seven rods to a stake and stones, thence westerly about three rods to a stake and stones, thence northerly about seven rods, thence easterly about three rods to the first mentioned bound, containing twenty-one rods of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon.

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Solid Silver Cases. Warranted to keep excellent time. PRICE FIFTEEN DOLLARS.

Also, old watches bought, at
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Palmer, Feb. 10, 1876. 46tf

WANTED!

To hire on shares, or trade for, a small farm within a few miles of Palmer. Enquire at
JOURNAL OFFICE.
Palmer, Jan. 25th, 1876.

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A lady's SHAWL, dropped from a carriage near the Hampden Hat Mills. The owner can have the same by calling at the JOURNAL Office and paying for this advertisement. 49tf

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—o—

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A. H. WILLIS.

Main St., Palmer.

—o—

RESUMPTION of SPECIE PAYMENTS

—AT WILLIS'—

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37tf

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Zephyr WORSTEDS.

We have just received our last importation for this season. We are at present in a condition to furnish every shade of

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in this vicinity; also any other makes desired. If your Pianos need tuning leave your orders at our store, and a competent tuner will be employed to do the work. ALLEN & COWAN.
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Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

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Send for Circulars, giving Terms, etc.
Hartford, Conn.: S. S. SCRANTON & CO.
5w50*

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority given me by the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, I will sell at public auction on the premises, on the 29th day of March, current, at 11 o'clock a. m., the homestead of Evlyn A. Taylor, late of West Springfield (Ashleyville), deceased, containing about 5 acres, with the buildings thereon, located about ¾ of a mile west of the Chicopee bridge, the Field Lot, so called, near the homestead, containing 5½ acres, and the Prospect Hill pasture lot, containing about 25 acres. Also, at the same time and place, a lot of hay, 1 buggy, 1 business wagon, farming tools, etc., etc. TERMS MADE KNOWN AT TIME OF SALE.
LOUISE R. TAYLOR, Administratrix.
West Springfield, March 7, 1876. 3w50

FOR SALE CHEAP!

A GOOD FAMILY HORSE, perfectly safe to be driven by women and children. Enquire at
THIS OFFICE.
Palmer, Aug. 14th, 1875.

ALL KINDS OF
SELECT SPICES!
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Coffee and Teas, Raisins, Figs, Cream Tartar, Cooking Soda, &c., &c.
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Generally includes an invitation to buy something. We ask 25 cents for our "letter to those contemplating marriage," because it is *worth something*, and because we are not the "organ" of some pill-vender, but are *straight*, and write for the benefit of the reader. Sent, sealed, by
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GEORGE ROBINSON.
Corner Central and Pleasant Sts
Palmer, April 1, 1875.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. February 28th, A. D. 1876.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered in the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for said county of Hampden, on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1876, in favor of Joseph Thompson of Palmer, county aforesaid, and against Cornelius Sullivan of Monson, in said county, I have taken all the right, title and interest that the said Cornelius Sullivan has in and to a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in said Monson, upon both sides of the highway leading from Flynt's Quarries, so called, to Monson depot, and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of said tract, thence westerly by land of the town of Monson to corner of lands of town of Monson, thence southerly by land of said Monson and land of George C. Wilson to land of W. W. Moore, thence easterly to corner of land of said Moore, thence northerly by land of said Moore across said highway to point of departure, together with the buildings thereon standing, the legal title to which stands in the name of Margaret Sullivan; and on Tuesday, the fourth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the dwelling house of said Cornelius Sullivan, on said premises, I shall offer for sale by public auction, to the highest bidder, said premises and all the right, title and interest of said Cornelius Sullivan therein.
3w49 F. H. KING, Deputy Sheriff.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT!

A nice-fitting boot or shoe is conducive to comfort, and is the pride of every gentleman. The best place in town where your foot can be fitted, and a pair made for you that will please in style and fit, is at the old boot and shoe shop of the subscriber. Any style and any material that you may wish can be procured. The PRICES ARE LOW, when the excellence of the work is considered.

If any lady or gentleman wants a good fit and something that will last, let them call on the subscriber, where satisfaction is guaranteed.

N. B.—Repairing done at the lowest possible price and in the best manner; but don't forget your pocket-book, for everthing is CASH. A fine stock of Sole Leather, French Calf and Findings constantly on hand and sold at lowest prices.

LOOK HERE! My voyage up Salt River has been indefinitely postponed by the press of business.
CALVIN HITCHCOCK.
Palmer, Jan. 27th, 1876. 44tf

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—OFFICE of COMPTROLLER of the CURRENCY.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.
JNO. JAY KNOX,
No. 2324. 8w47 Comptroller of the Currency.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Frank P. Ellis, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
DWIGHT W. ELLIS, Adm.
Monson, Mass., March 2, 1876. 3w49

PALMER SAVINGS BANK,

PALMER, MASS.

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MONSON, MASS.

Office at the Monson National Bank.

COMMENCED BUSINESS, JUNE 1, 1872.

DEPOSITS received from ONE DOLLAR to ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, and put on interest the first day of each month.

DIVIDENDS are made in April and October.

All dividends, if not withdrawn, are placed on interest AT ONCE, and allowed to accumulate until the deposit amounts to $1,000.

All taxes are paid by the bank.

BANK HOURS from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 1 to 4 P. M.

CHARLES H. MERRICK, President.
E. F. MORRIS, Treasurer.

NEW LONDON NORTHERN R. R.

Trains going south leave Palmer for New London, 8.15 a. m., 2.15, 6.35 p. m.

The 6.35 p. m. train connects at New London with boats for New York, landing at pier 40, North River, making this a desirable route for passengers going south and west.

GOING NORTH.

Palmer for Belchertown, Amherst, Miller's Falls, &c., 8.20 a. m., 2.10 and 7.08 p.m., connecting for Montreal.

8.20 a. m. train connects at Barrett's Junction with trains on S., A. & N. E. R. R.

G. W. BENTLEY, Gen. Supt.
New London, Conn.
Nov. 1, 1875. 1tf

NEW MARKET.

Mr. DODGE respectfully informs his friends that he has opened a new market in French's Block, on Central street. A large and fresh stock of the best

MEATS, POULTRY, VEGETABLES,

and CANNED FRUIT constantly on hand. Your custom solicted. Promptness guaranteed.

E DODGE.
Palmer, Dec. 17th, 1877. 38tf

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—MARCH 19th.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON.

Absalom's Death—2 Sam. xviii. 24-33.

V. 24. David took his position in the gateway to await tidings of the battle. A sentinel was posted in the watch-tower on the wall to observe all who approached. V. 25. David sagaciously noted the fact that the "runner" was alone and therefore came as a messenger. Had he been a fugitive there would have been others with him. V. 26. The watchman gives the tidings to the porter; the porter to the king. V. 27. The watchman's trained eye distinguishes the messenger when he is but as a speck in the distance. David takes heart from the friendliness and goodness of Ahimaaz. V. 28. "All is well;" literally. Peace be to thee. His tidings are of victory; but he withholds the news of Absalom's fate. "Hath delivered;" literally, 'shut up.' David's enemies by the result of the battle are confined, instead of given room to work mischief according to their will. V. 29. The anxiety of the father rather than of the king speaks here. The excuse of youth is used as though sufficient to palliate Absalom's offenees. The messenger communicates his intelligence with great care not to wound David's tenderness. V. 30. This direction is given that David may now hear from the second messenger. V. 31. He too brings tidings fitted to gratify David, the king, but not David, the father. V. 32, David thinks not of the victory but of the fate of his son. Cushi now speaks with unmistakable plainness. V. 33. "There is not in the whole Old Testament a passage of deeper pathos than this." Observe the ardor of parental affection for a worthless son. David is wrapt up in his sorrow. Observe its reduplicated expression.

It has remained for the savans of Russia to discover the man in the moon, and to make the startling announcement that the man aforesaid is taking observations of the earth. The savans are stationed on one of the highest points of the Himalayan mountains, where the Russian government has established an observatory. For several months, at the edge of the moon's disk, there has appeared a very peculiar bright spot. Some time ago it suddenly disappeared and remained out of sight for nearly a year. Lately it again made its appearance with its brilliancy greatly augmented. The telescopes have, so these savans say, developed the fact that this bright spot is an immense burnished substance used by the Lunarians as a mirror with which to examine the earth's surface. The conjecture is that the side of the moon which is not seen by us is inhabited, and that its people desire a more intimate acquaintance with the unfortunates of earth.

AN AWFUL DISAPPOINTMENT.—An old man living in the country called at the office of the gas company in Chicago the other day, having a two-quart pail in his hand, and asked:

"Is this where they sell gas?"

"Yes, sir, we can furnish you with gas," replied the clerk.

"Well," said the old man, as he pulled the cover off his pail, "I've heerd a good deal about gas, and my wife's heerd a good deal about gas, and I'll take two quarts along and try it. How much is it a quart?"

When he was informed that gas was a vavor, and the method of burning it explained, he sighed and said:

"Hannah will be awfully disappointed."

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.—The Arabs are wont to say, "If your neighbor has been to Mecca," which is proof of great sanctity, "look your stable." "If he has been twice," which renders him perfect, "sell out and move away." This may be taken as a free paraphrase of a wise man's warning, "Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise; why shouldst thou destroy thyself?" When one assumes a position of superiority to his brethren in religion or morals, he is usually not far from the kingdom of him who lives to deceive.

He had made a hearty meal at a restaurant, and, rising up, he said to the cashier, "I declare, if I haven't forgotten my wallet!" The cashier fired up, and hurled words at him for full three minutes before pausing for breath. When a chance came the stranger continued: "But I have fifty dollars here in my vest pocket." The cashier couldn't smile to save him.

A three-year-old youngster saw a drunken fellow tacking through the street. "Mother," said he, "did God make that man?" She replied in the affirmative. The little fellow reflected for a moment, and then exclaimed, "I wouldn't have done it!"

The suit of the city of New York against Tweed, to recover some of the money he stole when in power, has resulted in a verdict of $6,537,117 for the city.

A merchant rejoices that this is the centennial year, for he says he has a number of customers who settle their accounts only once in a hundred years.

G. C. & H. P. Briggs, woolen manufacturers at Clarksburg, have failed, with reported unsettled liabilities of $60,000.

What is that which makes everybody sick but those who swallow it? Flattery.

Don't depend wholly on Spaulding's glue. It will not mend broken promises.

The last performance that Samson gave literally brought down the house.

When are eyes not eyes? When the wind makes them water.

THE GREAT REPUTATION

Which VEGETINE has attained in all parts of the country as a

GREAT AND GOOD MEDICINE,

and the large number of testimonials which are constantly being received from persons who have been cured by its use, are conclusive proof its great value. It is recommended by physicians and apothecaries. As a blood-purifier and health-restorer it has no equal.

Vegetine is not prepared for a fancy drink made from poor liquors, which debilitates the system and tends to destroy health instead of restoring it.

Are not the many testimonials given for the different complaints satisfactory to any reasonable persons suffering from disease that can be cured? Read the different testimonials given, and no one can doubt. In many of these cases the persons say that their pain and suffering cannot be expressed, as in cases of scrofula, where, apparently, the whole body was one mass of corruption. If Vegetine will relieve pain, cleanse, purify and cure such diseases, restoring the patient to perfect health after trying different physicians, many remedies, suffering for years, is it not conclusive proof, if you are a sufferer, you can be cured? Why is this medicine performing such great cures? It works in the blood, in the circulating fluid. It can truly be called the Great Blood Purifier. The great source of disease originates in the blood; and no medicine that does not act directly upon it, to purify and renovate, has any just claim upon public attention. When the blood becomes lifeless and stagnant, either from change of weather or climate, want of exercise, irregular diet, or from any other cause, the Vegetine will renew the blood, carry off the putrid humors, cleanse the stomach, regulate the bowels, impart a tone of vigor to the whole body. The conviction is in the public mind as well as in the medical profession, that the remedies supplied by the Vegetable Kingdom are more safe, more successful, in the cure of disease, than mineral medicines. Vegetine is composed of barks, roots and herbs. It is pleasant to take, and is perfectly safe to give an infant. Do you need it? Do not hesitate to try it. You will never regret it.

CANNOT BE EXCELLED.

CHARLESTOWN, March 19, 1869.

H. R. STEVENS:—

DEAR SIR—This is to certify that I have used your "blood preparation" in my family for several years, and I think that, for scrofula or cankerous humors, or rheumatic affections, it cannot be excelled; and as a blood purifier and spring medicine, it is the best thing I have ever used; and I have used almost everything. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one in need of such a medicine. Yours respectfully,

MRS. A. A. DINSMORE, 19 Russell Street.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

BOSTON, Feb. 13, 1871.

HENRY R. STEVENS, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR:—About one year since I found myself in a feeble condition from general debility. Vegetine was strongly recommended to me by a friend who had been much benefitted by its use. I procured the article, and, after using several bottles, was restored to health and discontinued its use. I feel quite confident that there is no medicine superior to it for those complaints for which it is especially prepared, and would cheerfully recommend it to those who feel that they need something to restore them to perfect health. Respectfully yours,

U. L. PETTENGILL,
Firm of S. M. Pettengill & Co., 10 State St., Boston.

GIVES HEALTH, STRENGTH & APPETITE.

My daughter has received great benefit from the use of the Vegetine. Her declining health was a source of great anxiety to all of her friends. A few bottles of the Vegetine restored her health, strength and appetite.

N. H. TILDEN,
Insurance and real estate agent,
No. 49 Sears Building, Boston.

GAINED FIFTEEN POUNDS OF FLESH.

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Baby "Interviewed."

TO A LITTLE ONE, A WEEK OLD.

"Only a baby, 'thout any hair,
'Cept just a little fuzz here and there;
Only a baby—name you have none,
Barefooted and dimpled, sweet little one;
Only a baby—teeth none at all,
What are you good for?—only to squall?
Only a baby—just a week old;
What are you here for, you little scold?"

BABY'S REPLY.

"Only a baby!—what should I be?
Lots o' big folks has been little like me;
Ain't dot any hair? 'es I have, too;
S'posin' I hadn't—den it 'ood drow!
Not any teeth? I wouldn't have one;
Don't det my dinner by gnawing a bone!
What am I here for? 'at's pretty mean,
Who's dot a better right—'t ever you seen?

What am I dood for? dat what you say?
Ever s'many dood t'ings, ev'ry day!
'Tourse I squall, and sometimes I bawl;
T'ey darsen't spant me, 'tause I so small..
Only a baby!—'es, sir,—'at's so!
'N'if you only tood, you'd be one, too!
At's all I've dot to say; you're most too old,
Dess I det to bed;—toes dettin' told."

THE HAUNTED CLOSET.

"Yes, I did believe in ghosts at one time, but I now know that the belief is a humbug;" and the speaker, a fine-looking young man of twenty-five years of age, laughed heartily, as if highly amused; then he said, "Shall I tell you about it?"

Of course we all wanted to hear the story. Who is not interested in a ghost story, no matter how soul stirring or hair curling? So after all was quiet the speaker commenced:

"It was about the third night in last May that my belief in ghosts was pretty thoroughly shaken. It happened in this wise; you all know that the first day of May is the day for all great moves (house-keepers' moves I mean).

"This was the first move my wife and I had made since our marriage, and we not admire the situation of affairs. It was the third night after moving into our new home. My wife, you know, is a very nervous woman, and from childhood has been accustomed to sleep with a light in her room. Of course I gave away to this weakness.

"On this particular night you can believe that we were tired. Although a few days in our new home, we had not explored all its nooks and corners. My wife had told me of a very queer looking closet filled with a number of old bottles, the floor of which was covered with dark stains which looked like blood.

"Being timid, she had, of course, inquired of a neighbor—who, by the way, was a light, frivolous woman, not averse to exaggeration—about the house, and was told that an old man, with three children, had occupied the house some two years previous; that foul play was suspected, as the children, one by one, sickened and died. At last the old man himself left for parts unknown, and since then the house had been unoccupied.

"All this naturally troubled my wife, who had been in a perpetual state of nervousness ever since, expecting to see the murdered children rise in their ghostly habiliments and confront her. Not liking to relate what she had heard to me, for fear of my laughing at her—although secretly I had a superstitious belief in ghosts—she had said nothing about it.

"After retiring for the night, and turning down the light, we were prepared for a good night's sleep, and it was not long before we were oblivious.

"I was dreaming of housekeeping and moving bills, &c., when I was awakened by a shrill shriek that froze my very blood. Jumping to my feet, I found my wife trembling and unable to utter a syllable.

"At last she told me that having awakened, she had heard horrible groans and shrieks coming from the direction of the strange closet, and that she was unable to suppress a cry.

"Of course I laughed at her, but all to no purpose. I told her it was all a dream, still she persisted in her belief that the noises came from the closet.

"To please her I went and examined the closet; but I was about going to bed again when an unearthly yell or shriek rent the air. Never shall I forget the sensation that came upon me for the moment as shriek after shriek and groan after groan rent the air. Glancing at my wife, I saw that she was as thoroughly frightened as myself. Not wanting to show my timidity, I admonished her, in as calm a manner as I could command, to be quiet, saying I would try to determine where the noise came from. But my search was useless, as the noise soon ceased entirely.

"After searching our room and the one adjoining, where our children slept, to see if they had been disturbed, we found them asleep, in blissful ignorance of their parents' trepidation, and tried to resume our broken slumber; but hardly were we tolerably composed, when again the most dreadful noises imaginable commenced. I was thoroughly frightened, so, telling my wife to remain in her room, I proceeded to discover where all the noises came from.

"Partly guided by the groans, which now only occurred at intervals, I had made my way towards the strange closet, when, horrors! I felt a hand grasp my arm tightly. Almost fainting, I turned and saw my wife, who had been too frightened to remain alone in her room. Only those who have been in a similar situation can imagine the feeling of relief that took possession of me. Nothing daunted now, I proceeded, in company with my wife, toward the fatal closet, to which we at length arrived, when, suddenly, the full fury of the horrible noises burst upon us.

"I need not say we were both nearly dead with fright; in fact, my hand trembled so that I found it impossible to turn the handle of the door. But having come thus far, I was determined to unravel the mystery, whatever the consequences; so bursting open the door, we gathered sufficient courage to peer about with the aid of the light, and would you believe it? discovered something which I had overlooked before—the cause of all our fright and the unearthly noises.

"It was this: there was a speaking-tube leading from the closet to the garret, which I suppose was placed there by the "old man" before mentioned to call the children up in the morning, and thus avoid the trouble of running up three flights of stairs. This tube was broken at the mouth-piece, and being near the window, was so situated as to carry the air in a strong current to the tube, which being corroded, aided the wind in making the horrible noises that had so disturbed us.

"So the cause of our fright was discovered, and, I must say, my faith in ghosts was very much shaken. To make a long story short, after stopping the mouth of the tube we quickly returned to our room, and calmly resumed our slumbers."

Bayard Taylor says black-eyed women do not love as fondly as blue-eyed ones.

CENTENNIAL DATA.

WHAT WAS DONE ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, AND HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE THAT.

100 years ago—American independence.

200 years ago—King Phillip (the Indian) defeated and slain; habeas corpus in England.

300 years ago—Massacre of St. Bartholomew; Spanish Armada preparing.

400 years ago—Printing invented; Isabella the coming queen.

500 years ago—The days of Tamerlane, the Turk, and Chaucer, the English poet.

600 years ago—Baliel and Bruce, Richard Bacon, St. Thomas Aquinas; House of Hapsburg founded.

700 years ago—Richard Cœur de Leon and Saladin, Sultan of Egypt, measuring swords in Palestine.

800 years ago—William the Conqueror of England.

900 years ago—Hugh Cayet, the Frenchman.

1000 years ago—Alfred, the Great.

1100 years ago—Charlemange and Haroun Al Raschild.

1200 years ago—Mohammedanism established and making lively work in Constantinople and other places.

1300 years ago—Old Chosroes, the Persian, lives by murder, and the Pope is made a secular judge among kings.

1400 years ago—The Saxons make lively work in Brittany; Clovis establishes the French monarchy and the Visigoths conquer Spain.

1500 years ago—The Roman Empire having legislated many years in favor of capital and against labor, divides and begins to fall to pieces.

1600 years ago—The world had nothing better to do than to broach and denounce heresies and get up religious persecutions.

1700 years ago—Marcus Aurelius, Tacitus and Plutarch made a smart trio of philosophers.

1800 years ago—Jerusalem was destroyed and Hereulancum and Pompeii were burned in the ashes of Vesuvius.

1876 years ago—All the world was at peace, and Christ was born.

6000 years ago—Adam, only a common clod, rose to the dignity of a large real estate owner, but by poor management was driven into involuntary bankruptcy.

SCOTCH PROVERBS.

Ye're maister o' yer ain words; but, ance spoken, yer words may maister you.

God never sen's mouths, but He sen's meat for them.

He that teaches himsel' has a fule for a maister.

Raise nae mair deils than ye're able to lay.

Naething should be done in a hurry but catchin' fleas.

Sharp stomachs mak' short graces.

There was nc'er ennch whar naething was left.

Bend the back to the burden.

Be a frien' tae yourscl' and sae will ithers.

Better be alane than in ill company.

Do the likeliest, an' God will do the best.

Every man kens best whar his ain shoe binds him.

Fear God an' keep out o' debt.

Fules make feasts, an' wise men eat them.

"An' wise men make proverbs, an' fules repeat them."

Fair words nc'er brak a bane, foul words may.

SCENTLESS ROSES.

Arnulph was the son of a physician. He was preparing himself for the calling of his father. One day he came to his father and said, "Father, let me go into the cloister and serve God." But his father said, "Thou dost well to wish to serve God. As a physician thou mayst serve Him, and thy fellow-men, also." "To serve God is better than to serve men," answered Arnulph. "Pray this night for God's guidance, O, son! To-morrow I will do as thou wilt." So Arnulph went and prayed God to receive him as his servant. And his eyes were opened, and lo! he saw an angel, whose hands were full of roses. "Behold," said the angel, "the offerings of those who serve God." "And can I offer him anything?" asked Arnulph. "Lo! here in my left hand is thy offering, also," said the angel. Arnulph asked again, "Why are the roses in thy left hand scentless? Those in thy right hand are full of fragrance." But the angel answered, "In my left hand are their offerings who serve their heavenly Father, but care not to serve his children. In my right hand are their offerings who serve God and serve men, also."

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN.—God sees hearts as we see faces.

Living on excitement is very expensive living.

Most men are afraid of a bad name, but few of their consciences.

A good life hath but few days, but a good name endureth forever. Have regard to thy name.

We must be as courteous to a man as to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light.

There is nothing more frightful than for a teacher to know only what his scholars are intended to know.

Suppose that a man would advertise to take a photograph of the heart, would he get many customers?

COLORS IN BATTLE.—Taste in dress is one of the most desirable of attributes in both sexes, but in what colors we shall dress becomes not only more than a matter of taste with the soldier, but of the most vital importance. For, from numerous observations, it would appear that men are hit during battle according to the color of their dress in the following order: Red is the most fatal color; the least fatal, Austrian gray. The proportions are, red twelve, rifle green seven, brown six, Austrian bluish-gray five.

"Did you ever break a yoke of four-year-old steers?" asked a Rock county (Iowa) farmer of a young Janesville chap who wanted to marry his daughter. "No, I never did," was the meek reply; "but I have rode a mule in a circus, and had a good deal of other experience in the world." "No other experience," said the granger, "could qualify you to handle that girl," and the sad youth departed.

Mrs. Day of Delaware, before committing suicide, burned all her dresses, cut up her sheets, and gave away her jewelry—leaving nothing, it is hinted, for the benefit of a second wife.

FOR THE LADIES.

All house dresses are made with very long trains.

Cream is the fashionable color for the coming season.

Undressed kid gloves are worn with any toilette but full evening dress.

Browns and grays will be much used for spring suits; and felt hats of corresponding colors.

The trimmings of hats are placed towards the back, and are most universally feathers and velvet loops.

Poufs and paniers are not worn, but all the draperies are thrown back to give the required bouffant effect.

The dog-collar necklace is still popular, and becoming to ladies with long necks and wearing the standing collar.

Basques and corsages fit like a glove to the figure. Few trimmings are seen on them.

All the imported spring suits have a pocket in some fanciful shape on one side, rather low down.

The new chip hats for spring wear are cream colored, and are trimmed with cream ribbons and laces, and few feathers.

Tunics, tabliers and polonaises are equally fashionable. Many bows and looped sashes of broad, soft ribbons give effect to the draperies.

Velvet petticoats will be very fashionable again; they are light, rich and very effective to any colored overskirt that may be worn with them.

The new Valenciennes laces are made cream color by artificial means. They are used to a great extent for trimming bonnets by French milliners.

Scarlet poppies are mingled with white syringas, hawthorn blossoms, and dark foliage, to contrast with the white and creamy tints of the other bonnet trimmings.

Mossoul gauze is the name of a new thin fabric coarser than grenadine, which is shown both in cream color and black for the street wear.

Cashmere net, and lace, is still "the rage" for scarfs and neckties, and will be more popular as the spring opens. The long cashmere net scarf, light hat and gloves, will be a very effective finish for a black silk suit.

INFLUENCE OF GREENBACKS.—He looked like a man who might have had fifteen cents last fall, but who had used the last of it weeks ago. When he sat down in the restaurant the waiters paid no heed to him, and he rapped several times before a colored man slid that way.

"I want fried oysters," said the man, as he looked over the bill of fare.

"Dey is jist out, fried oysters is," replied the waiter.

"Bring me a chicken, then."

"Dere isn't a chicken in de place."

"Got any venison?" inquired the man.

"Not an inch, sar."

"Any ham and eggs?"

"No, sar."

"See here," said the man, getting vexed, "I want a square meal. I've got the dueats right here, and can pay for my dinner and buy your old coopshop besides."

He lifted a great roll of greenbacks out of his pocket and shook them at the darkey and continued:

"Have you any chicken?"

"Yes, sah, I guess so, sah; I hab de biggest kind o' belief, dat since we began to talk a chicken has been blown right into de kettle an' been cooked. And now about dat venison and dose fried oysters—dey has also arrived."

TAKE THE PAPER.—We find this going the rounds of the press. Read, ponder and—Pay Up! Why don't you take the papers? they're the life of my delight, except about election time, and then I read for spite. Subscribe, you cannot lose a cent; why should you be afraid? for cash thus spent is money lent at interest, four-fold paid. Go, then, and take the papers, and pay to-day, nor pay delay, and my word it is inferred, you'll live until you're gray. An old neighbor of mine, while dying of a cough, desired to hear the latest news while he was going off. I took the paper and I read of some new pills in force; he bought a box—and he is dead? no—hearty as a horse. I knew two men as much alike as e'er you saw two stumps; and no phrenologist could find a difference in their bumps. One takes the paper and he is happier than a king, his children can all read and write, and talk of men and things. The other takes no paper, and, while strolling about the wood, a tree fell down and broke his crown, and killed him—"very good." Had he been reading all the news, at home like his neighbor Jim, I'll bet a cent that accident would not have happened him, for he who takes the paper, and pays his bills when due, can live in peace with every man, and with the printer too.

A SNAKE AS A MOUSE-TRAP.—Ferrets are considered to be good rat catchers, but it appears from the subjoined that the milk-snake or spotted viper is the reptile for mouse-catching. William B. Gould, of Bennington, Vt., found one of these in the meal bin of his barn, recently, coiled up in the bottom of the place, and killed it. Mr. Gould shoveled the venomous reptile out upon the barn floor, measured him, and found his length to be a little over three feet. Mr. Gould, who had read that snakes never eat any thing but live food, cut the reptile open to show that this reptile had stuffed himself with horse provender. But he hadn't. Inside him Mr. Gould found six undigested young rats, all swallowed head first, and forming a line in the snake's alimentaries that reached so far that the tip of the last and longest tail was hardly out of sight in the serpent's mouth. Further examination showed that the snake had crawled in at the same hole the rats did, but after gobbling them his increased dimensions prevented his departure through the same opening.

SPANISH GYPSY PROVERBS.—Eyes which see not break no heart.

A bird in the hand is worth more than a hundred flying.

To God (be) praying and with the flail plying.

The dog who walks finds a bone.

When a man goes drunk the boys say to him "suet."

It is worth more to be the head of a mouse than the tail of a lion.

An eccentric couple in Meriden, who disagree as to bed-clothes, the man insisting on woolen sheets, while the woman will have none but spotless linen, have compromised their difficulties by sewing a linen half to a woolen, and now sleep as snug as a bug in a rug.

Anxiety Changed to Prayer.

"Hast thou a care within so deep,
It chases from thine eyelids sleep?
To thy Redeemer take that care,
And change anxiety to prayer.

"Hast thou a hope with which thy heart
Would almost feel it death to part?
Entreat thy God, that hope to crown,
Or give thee strength to lay it down.

"Whate'er the care that breaks thy rest,
Whate'er the wish that swells thy breast,
Spread before God that wish, that care,
And change anxiety to prayer."

TEMPERANCE REFORM IN SWEDEN.

In 1854 Sweden was admitted to be the most besotted country in Europe. And at that time the Diet inaugurated measures of wholesale abolition, prohibition and regulation, by which considerable reforms were effected in the habits of the race. But there was one city, Gothenburg, in which the laws were evaded, the police set at naught; and a committee appointed in 1865 readily traced a concurrent progress between increasing pauperism and increasing drink. It was determined to inaugurate a new system, all the measures of which were subordinated to one great principal, viz., that no individual, either as proprietor or manager of a public house license, should derive any gain from the sale of liquor. To carry out this principle in its integrity the whole liquor traffic of the city was gradually transferred to a company, limited, consisting of the most highly respectable gentlemen, who undertook by charter to carry on the business in the interests of temperance and morality. The plan has worked admirably for ten years. This company now rent all the public houses and places where liquor is sold, pay for all the licenses, receive a moderate interest on the capital invested and make over the entire profits of the trade to the city treasury. The places for drink, upon the adoption of this plan, were immediately curtailed in number, and divided into two classes, public houses and retail shops, both bound to purchase their wine and spirits from the company, to sell them without any profit, to supply good food and hot meals on the premises, and not to sell Swedish brandy except at meals. The public houses are managed by carefully selected men and the retail shops entirely by women. And now for results. The system went into operation in October, 1865, and the effects were at once perceptible. In 1870, with a population largely increased, the number of fines for drunkenness was but 1419 against 2164 in 1865. The cases of delirium tremens in 1864 were 118; in 1868, only 54. Nor were the financial results less encouraging. In 1872 the company realized in net profits no less than $80,000, which was paid over to the city, and more than covered the entire poor rate for the year; thus appropriately compelling the liquor trade to pay for what it was mainly the cause of creating, instead of taxing the non-drinkers of the community. The sale of drink in Sweden is still enormous, but the effect of the wise and reasonable measures of the Swedish Diet has been such as to reduce the consumption—which in 1850 was ten gallons per year to every inhabitant—to two gallons per head at the present time.

A new wonder is reported from California—a rival valley to the Yosemite. It is in the South Forks of Kings River, forty-five miles from Visalia. The valley is nine miles in length, and has an average width at the bottom of half a mile. It is five hundred feet above the level of the sea, and its walls are about three thousand feet high. The falls have more water, but are less picturesque, than those of the Yosemite.

During a recent examination of a class of youngsters in one of the country schools, the teacher asked: "What is a monarch?" and was immediately answered by a bright little eight-year old boy: "A country governed by a king." "Who would rule if the king should die?" "The queen." "And if the queen should die, who then would be ruler?" "The jack."

A sweet young creature who has just graduated from a fashionable boarding school appealed with tender pathos to her grim parent the other day: "Paw, deah paw, can't you give Carlo away, and buy me a seal-brown black-and-tan to match my walking suit?" And because paw roared and guffawed, and said there were no brown black-and-tans in the market, she ewied, poor girl.

To keep rats out of the grain, mix powdered glass, finely broken, with pitch or coal-tar and rosin, and paint the outside of your grain-bin two coats, and it will be too much for rat's teeth. They don't like the tar, and the sharp glass is still more disagreeable.

"What is the price of beef to-day, Mr. Frost?" "Fifteen cents a pound, Miss." "Fifteen cents a pound? Why, you are a dear butcher!" "Why—ch—yes! thank you, miss. That's just what Mrs. Frost used to say before I married her."

It is recorded of an old deacon, now dead, who used to lead the singing in a country church, that, finding the concluding word of a hymn (Jacob) had not syllables enough to fill up the music properly, he ended it thus: "Ja-a--a-fol-de-riddle-cob."

"I don't know anything more tryin' to the temper," says old Uncle Joe Stebbins, "than for a man to wind up a clock every day for twenty years and then find out that the pesky thing is an eight-day consarn."

There is a man in Rochester so close that when he attends church he occupies the pew farthierest from the pulpit to save the interest on his money while the collectors are passing the plates for contribution.

"No, sir," said a weary looking man on a street car to an individual by his side. "I wouldn't marry the best woman alive. I've been a dry goods clerk too long for that."

Printed signs of "Heaven is our Home" may be hung in every room in the house, yet a man will speak up promptly and emphatically when he can't find the boot-jack."

Mother—"Charlotte, how do you like your new teacher?" Charlotte—"O, she's a splendid teacher. She don't care whether we know our lessons or not."

Poughkeepsie is the home of a woman, so cross eyed that when she weeps, tears from her left eye drop on her right cheek.

A young man in Philadelphia advertises for a situation as "son-in-law in a respectable family."

DO IT NOW.—Don't live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done in it, and going straight through it from beginning to end. Work, play, study, whatever it is, take hold at once, and finish it up squarely and cleanly, and then to the next thing, without letting any moments drop out between. It is wonderful to see how many hours these prompt people contrive to make out of a day; it is as if they picked up the moments that the dawdlers lost. And if ever you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin, let me tell you a secret; take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest all fall into file and follow after like a company of well-trained soldiers, and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad, it is easily vanquished when you get it in a line. You may have often seen the anecdote of the man who was asked how he accomplished so much in his life. "My father taught me," he replied, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret—the magic word *now*.

USES OF CHARCOAL.—All sorts of glass vessels and other utensils may be purified from long retained smells of every kind in the easiest and most perfect manner by rinsing them well with charcoal powder, after the grosser impurities have been scoured off with sand and potash. Rubbing the teeth with charcoal powder, and then washing out the mouth, will render the teeth beautifully white and the breath sweet, where an offensive breath has been owing to a scorbutic disposition of the gums. Putrid water is immediately deprived of its bad smell by charcoal. When meat, fish, etc., from intense heat or long keeping, are likely to pass into a state of corruption, a simple and easy mode of keeping them sound and healthful is to put a few pieces of charcoal, about the size of an egg, into the pot or saucepan wherein the flesh or fish is to be boiled.

NEW BEATITUDES.—Blessed are the blind, for they shall see no ghosts.

Blessed are the deaf, for they have not to lend money or hear tedious stories.

Blessed are they that are afraid of thunder, for they shall hesitate about getting married, and keep away from political meetings.

Blessed are the lean, for there is a chance to grow fat.

Blessed are the ignorant, for they are happy in thinking they know everything.

Blessed is she who would get married but cannot, for the consolations of the gospel are hers.

Blessed are the orphan children, for they have no mothers to spank them.

Blessed are they that expect nothing, for they shall not be disappointed.

One morning during the recent cold weather Miss Lilly refused to get up and be washed. Her aunt, who follows the modern mode of dealing with children, and considers that they should always be argued with, but never made to do as they are bid, in vain exhausted her eloquence in describing the excellencies of purification, for the infant logician fairly confuted her by this ingenious antithesis: "Aunt Mary, you do as you like, and let me do as I like. You like to be clean and cold, I like to be warm and dirty."

A powerfully-built young lady from Ghost's Gulch walked into a dry goods store at Canton City, Colorado, the other day, and inquired of the bachelor clerk: "Do you keep hoes, young feller?" "Yes, ma'am, all kinds," was the reply; and pulling down a couple of boxes of hose he held up a pair to view. She looked straight at him, turned red, and overflowed with the remark: "You blasted fool, them's stockin's—I want a hoe." He referred her to a hardware store.

A youngster being required to write a composition upon some portion of the human body, selected that which unites the head to the body, and expounded as follows: "A throat is convenient to have, especially to roosters and ministers. The former eats corn and crows with it; the latter preaches through his'n and then ties it up. This is pretty much all I can think of about necks."

Mr. Moody said, in preaching on "Christ as a deliverer," "I remember preaching on this subject, and walking away, I said to a Scotchman, 'I didn't finish the subject.'" "Ah, man! yo didn't expect to finish, did ye? It'll take all eternity to finish telling what Christ has done for man."

Scene, a butcher's stand. Butcher—"Come, John, be lively now; break the bones in Mr. Williams' chops and put Mr. Smith's ribs in the basket for him." John (briskly)—"All right, sir; just as soon as I've sawed off Mrs. Murphy's leg."

The woman is yet to be discovered who, when her husband is pouring expletives into the bosom of his clean shirt, but will solemly declare that the garment had every button on when it was put away.

The question for discussion at a recent meeting of scientists was: "Which travels fastest, heat or cold?" It was decided in favor of heat, as many present had been able to catch cold.

A Washington physician argues that love proceeds from the stomach, and that the heart has nothing to do with it. He says that corned beef and mealy potatoes beget love.

A Flat Rock milkman found a pickerel in his milk-can the other morning. His only wonder is that the cow that swallowed it did not choke to death.

As the smallest grain of sand carries great pain to the eye, so does the slightest deviation from God's law cause to the wakeful conscience great disquiet.

If a young lady wishes a young gentleman to kiss her, what paper should she mention? No Spectator, no Observer, but as many Times as you please.

The married ladies of a Western city have formed a "Come-home-husband Club." It is about four feet long, and has a brush on the end of it.

An old maid in Reading married a tramp because, as she said, he smelled just like an Italian count whom she had once met and loved.

Gold garter buckles, upon which there is a delicate spray of flowers, in stones of suitable color, or the owner's monogram, is the latest.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1876.

THE Democrats will be wary in their investigations henceforth, lest in probing alleged corruption in the Republican ranks they turn up some very obnoxious doings among their own leaders. The difference between Republicans and Democrats in this matter is, the Republicans anxiously hunt down and punish those who are dishonest, while the Democrats seek to cover up and conceal any of their own number who are sinners.

IT is fair not to believe all the sensational rumors of frauds, rottenness, and rascalities that come from Washington. The correspondents would have us believe that the whole Government is rotten to the core, and that every man connected with the administration is defiled. Two-thirds of these stories turn out to be false, and many good names are smirched with suspicion where there is no cause for it. At this rate really good men will shrink from the offer of official positions and none but unworthy persons can be found to take them. It seems to be an easy thing to charge misconduct upon an official, and then unless he goes through the usual investigation, suspicion forever attaches itself to him.

SOME twenty-five or thirty gentlemen of the Republican party took it upon themselves to instruct the party to which they belong, at a little gathering held at Worcester one evening last week. They were of opinion that they knew better than others who should be elected for delegates to the National Republican Convention, and laid out the work which they expected the State Convention to endorse at its meeting. Supposing the convention would meet at Worcester, they had fixed things nicely. But the State Committee, not having the least fear of this formidable body before their eyes, called the convention at Boston, the 26th of April, to the great chagrin of those Worcester gentlemen, who had arranged to fire the public heart with an address, which will now fall as flat as a flapjack.

THOSE fellows who are clamoring for Bristow for the next Presidency simply because they think him honest, should consider a little before they get too deeply in that way. There are a hundred men in the country who could be selected on the same ground, who would have in addition other qualifications which would render them better fitted for the Presidency than Mr. Bristow. What we want is a statesman. Military rulers are not suited to this country. Gen. Grant has aimed to do the right thing, and has appointed hundreds of military men to office as a reward for service, and therein made a great mistake. A man who has successfully led a division, or shot a rebel, will in nine cases out of ten make a poor civil officer. The experiment has been fairly tried, and it does not work well. In the next administration the country should go back to statesmen.

WHEN such men as Rev. Dr. Buckingham, Rev. E. A. Reed, Bishop O'Reilly, Col. Thompson, Ex-Gov. Trask, Railroad Commissioner Briggs, District Attorney Lathrop, D. H. Brigham, H. Alexander, Jr., and about 175 more of Springfield's "biggest and best," including even Judge Morton himself, are brought before the bar of the police court for violation of the laws, it may be well supposed that the rest of the community, "amazed, astonished stood and blank." Yet such was the melancholy spectacle witnessed in our neighboring city on Tuesday and Wednesday.—City Marshal Sanderson, noticing that the city ordinance requiring snow and ice to be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of a storm was pretty generally neglected, donned his war paint and notified a goodly number of respectable citizens to answer for their sins before the police court; and for once the air of the court room, usually heavy with the fumes of gin and tobacco, was redolent with the more agreeable odors of jockey club and lavender water. Most of the accused pleaded guilty and paid their fines of $5.20, enriching the city treasury to the amount of $858. For a gathering of its size, it was an eminently respectable and quiet party:

> "They spake not a word;
> But, like dumb statues, or breathless stones,
> Star'd on each other, and look'd deadly pale."

A SEVERE STORM.—The snow and rain storm which reached us Monday night and continued a portion of Tuesday, was the hardest of the winter, and was perhaps the most widely extended of any storm for years, reaching from ocean to ocean, extending over the South, and even reaching Europe, and causing an immense amount of damage. The storm was especially severe on the New England coast. At Providence three vessels were sunk, one went to pieces, and several others were considerably injured. Several fishing schooners at Swampscott were badly damaged. A Boston brig, the Hattie Eaton, went ashore near Kittery, Me., and all on board excepting the first mate, perished, and the vessel and cargo of sugar and molasses are a total loss. A number of other vessels were more or less damaged, and it is feared that a number of lives have been lost. The Old Orchard House, in process of construction at Old Orchard Beach, Me., was blown down at a loss of $30,000, and the Profile House, in the White Mountains, was partially unroofed, while there was more or less damage occasioned in various cities and towns in New England. Nearly all the railroads suffered, and several trains were thrown from the tracks by the washing out of culverts &c., but happily no lives were lost. In Scotland some railroads were covered with 20 feet of snow.

EXPENSIVE.—It is expensive to take care of insane people in palaces. In Massachusetts, the cost of two asylums in the course of construction is from $2500 to $3000 for each patient. One is nearly completed in New Jersey at an estimated cost of $3,000,000, or more than $2000 per patient; while in New York three are in process of building, the estimates of the costs of which vary only between $4000 and $5000 for each patient.

Death and Life.

In the 33d annual report of births, marriages and deaths registered in Massachusetts, recently completed, are tables giving the number of deaths and their causes for the period of 33 years and 8 months ending Dec. 31, 1874, and also the number of deaths among the different classes of workers, with their average longevity. Massachusetts takes the lead of her sister States in the collection of vital statistics, and as all will be interested to learn somewhat of the work of Death in this long period, we give herewith some of the more interesting figures from the report.

The number of deaths in the State during this period has been 725,076. The number from known causes was 695,487. For the last five years the average annual number of deaths has been 32,499. That dreaded disease, the small pox, has, thanks to vaccination and increasingly better methods of treatment, carried off but 5211 persons, only 75-100ths of 1 per cent. of the whole number of deaths. Consumption, the scourge of New England, leads the van with a list of victims numbering 135,380, almost one-fifth the whole number of deaths, the exact per cent. being 19.47. Diphtheria has been steadily increasing in the last few years. In 1870 the deaths from this disease numbered 242, while in 1874 they reached 502. In the following table the first column gives the number of deaths, and the second the per cent. which each disease bears to the total number.

Measles,	6,178	.89
Scarletina,	29,630	4.26
Diptheria,	7,781	1.12
Croup,	14,407	2.07
Whooping Coughs,	7,927	1.14
Typhoid and Typhus Fevers,	35,465	5.10
Dysentery,	27,568	3.96
Diarrhœa,	8,691	1.25
Rheumatism,	2,597	.37
Hydrophobia,	28	.01
Intemperance,	2,879	.41
Dropsy and Anæmia,	15,419	2.22
Cancer,	9,692	1.39
Scrofula,	3,412	.49
Apoplexy,	7,250	1.03
Paralysis,	12,801	1.84
Insanity,	1,832	.26
Lockjaw,	405	.06
Convulsions,	12,664	1.82
Brain diseases,	7,686	1.12
Heart diseases,	20,690	2.98
Bronchitis,	4,025	.58
Pleurisy,	3,228	.47
Pneumonia,	38,684	5.56
Liver troubles,	4,310	.62
Bright's disease,	1,563	.23
Diabetes,	1,051	.15
Kidney diseases,	2,329	.34
Stillborn,	23,765	3.42
Infantile, Premature, etc.,	32,851	4.72
Teething,	8,385	1.21
Childbirth,	5,856	.84
Puerperal fever,	1,344	.19
Old age,	36,891	5.30

The number of persons who have lived to die of old age is worthy of note. There have been 14,876 accidents, 488 homicides, 2519 suicides, 11 executions, 8,648 violent deaths from unknown causes, and 28,881 deaths from causes unspecified.

The statistics of the comparative longevity of different classes of workers show that "gentlemen" lead off with a percentage of 68.42, closely followed, however, by farmers, 65,29, while the class making the poorest showing are brakemen, 26,54. Other classes are: carpenters, 53.33; masons, 50.53; stone cutters, 40.90; tanners, 50,36; bakers, 47.04; blacksmiths, 53.26; carriage makers and trimmers, 48.21; furnace men, 43.42; machinists, 41.67; millers, 57.14; painters, 45.07; tinsmiths, 41.05; weavers, 44.95; barbers, 39.81: harness makers, 48.74; jewelers, 40.34; operatives, 39.16; printers, 38.62; shoe makers, 44.61; tailors, 47.33; laborers, 47.49; servants, 40.10; baggage masters, 34.08: butchers, 50.19; engineers and firemen, 38.77; pedlers, 45.18; stablers, 42.54; teamsters; 40.35; bankers; 57.61; boarding house keepers, 47.96; book-sellers 53.05; clerks and bookkeepers, 35.93; druggists, 42.37; grocers, 47.59; inn keepers, 50.04; manufacturers, 51.53; merchants, 54.17; conductors, 39.86; saloon and restaurant keepers, 40.90; telegraphers, 28.80; clergymen, 58.57; dentists, 41.61; editors and reporters, 46.68; judges and justices, 64.11; lawyers, 56.45; musicians, 41.50; physicians, 54.99; public officers, 55.37; shoriffs, constables and policemen, 53.76; teachers, 41.79.

Fragments.

—There are 1,409,448 slaves in Brazil.

—Chicago courts divorced 526 couples in 1875.

—Kansas will raise flax extensively this year.

—Tennessee will ship 40,000 lambs north this spring.

—March has given us the best sleighing of the season.

—It is claimed that caustic ammonia will cure rheumatism.

—Heart disease is prevalent where the access of sea air is prevented.

—The property of the Boston Daily News was sold at auction Saturday for $3000.

—A Georgian sent to a Liverpool friend two Savannah shad frozen into two blocks of ice.

—Northfield feeds its town poor occasionally with roast and fricasseed chicken.

—An Indiana man has fallen heir to about $4,000,000 worth of property in Holland. A happy fall.

—A California paper says: "We are compelled to print a good deal of local news this week, the Eastern papers being delayed by the storm."

—It has been definitely ascertained that ladies' luncheons when traveling invariably consist of a very small sandwich, quantities of white and yellow cake, and an immense pickle. Without the pickle it is considered a failure.

ANOTHER CLERICAL SCAMP.—Rev. Frank H. Buffum, pastor of the Congregational church at East Hartford, Ct., has been found guilty of criminal intimacy with a young woman, a member of the church, who lived in his family, and has fled to parts unknown, being last heard from at Chicago. It seems that four years ago, while pastor of a church in Hartford, he applied to a physician to perform an abortion upon the young woman, which was peremptorily refused, while the physician, who was a member of his church, entreated him to cease from his evil practices. But he has continued in his sinful course until within a few weeks, when the scandal leaked out. He denied the charges in toto, and a portion of his church believed his solemn assertions of innocence and proposed to start a new church for him. But his flight and the testimony brought out before the council which assembled on Wednesday to consider his case, leave no question of his guilt. He leaves a family in a destitute condition.

YOUNG CRIMINALS.—Two boys, respectively aged 16 and 18 years, were arrested in St. Louis the other night for robbing a business house at New Orleans of several thousand dollars.——Last Sunday morning four young men about 17 years old, broke into a widow's house in Sandwich and outraged her person, and then made good their escape.

A VALUABLE OYSTER.—An oyster opener of Toulouse, while opening half a dozen raws for a customer, found a fine pearl worth thousands of dollars, and pocketed it. The customer insisted that it belonged to him, asserting that the shells, oysters, juice and everything else in the shells of the oysters he ordered were his property. The law will decide the question.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. F. HOLBROOK wishes to give notice that all coal bills which have been running 30 days must be paid on or before April 1st without further notice.

H. P. & J. S. HOLDEN have received a fine stock of spring styles of carpets and paper hangings. In carpets we have some handsome ingrains at 50 cts. per yard, and also offer great inducements to all in want of ready-made clothing.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

A number of desirable tenements are advertised in our columns this week.

Rev. B. M. Tillottson of St. Johnsbury, Vt., preaches at Union Hall, to-morrow.

Charles E. Fish is to succeed Col. Stoughton as agent at the N. L. N. R. R. depot.

Rev. Mr. Sweetser's lecture announced for Wednesday evening last, was postponed one week.

It isn't very often that we go to town meeting with the sleighing as good as it was on Monday.

An Irishman at Collin's Depot has the small pox. Dr. Holbrook is attending him and the red flag is out.

How would the Swedish plan of licensing the sale of liquors, noticed on our first page, work in this town?

Prof Logrenia's gift show is booked for three nights at Wales Hall the last of this month, and the first of next.

The 2d Cong. Sunday school have in preparation an extra good concert, very appropriate for Easter Sunday, the 16th.

The Methodist choir at Palmer Four Corners have been presented with a new set of singing books by agent Wilson.

"Black Bill" Mason stabbed a Thorndike man at Thompson's, Saturday last, and taking leg bail escaped for the present, from justice.

The snow in the village has got thinned down pretty well, but in the northern part of the town they spent Thursday forenoon in breaking out the roads.

Mrs. Whitman, formerly of this place, is coming back next month, and will open a millinery store in the rooms on Main Street, lately occupied by E. L. Davis.

Our distinguished colored citizen, Solva Williams, has been elected to wear a constable's * and the boys who are in the habit of annoying him will please take notice.

To-day (Saturday) there will be a partial eclipse of the sun, visible in this section. At Boston the eclipse commences at 4.14 p. m. and continues until 5.52. It will be worth watching for.

The fixtures and good-will of the American House are offered for sale. The landlord, Mr. Wood, if he can effect a sale, will remove to Templeton and take charge of a summer resort there.

John Murphy of Monson lectured in Feeney's Hall last evening, and will repeat the lecture at Green's Hall, Monson, next Friday evening. His subject is "The Statesman and Schoolmaster in every land."

The deep slush pervading our streets on Tuesday was a little too much for anything but rubber boots, for which there was a pretty lively demand at our boot and shoe store, seventeen pairs being disposed of in "just no time."

The afternoon service at the Cong. church to-morrow will again be postponed till evening, and will consist of preaching to young men, preceded by a service of praise, led by the choir, with organ and cornet accompaniments. All are invited to come early, take the front seats, and join with heart and voice.

Evidently we are to be musically taught the coming season. In addition to Mrs. Crawford and Prof. Wheeler, who propose giving music lessons here, Mr. E. B. Phelps of Springfield will also have a class. He is professor of music in the Springfield Collegiate Institute and is considered one of the best teachers of the piano in this part of the state.

Mrs. Jennie W. Crawford is to give an organ concert, in this village, next month, and she will also make weekly trips for three months, commencing the first week in April, teaching in Springfield and Palmer. Those of her former pupils who wish to continue instruction in classic study can leave their names at the store of A. H. Willis.

An old man named H. L. Thayer, who lives alone on the Lothrop Clark place in the west part of Monson, was brutally assaulted and robbed last Sunday night. Two young men, Addison Jonos and Benjamin Giggers, the latter colored, paid Thayer a visit in the evening, and while talking with him knocked him down, stole his gold watch, what money he had, an overcoat and a pair of boots, and then fled. They have not been arrested.

Where *every* actor plays his or her part *well*, a drama should be voted a success, and such was the case with "Blow for Blow," at Wales Hall, Thursday evening. The new drop curtain and wings, furnished by Mr. French, are rich and in excellent taste, the scene combining both water and landscape; the scenery furnished by the club added much to the effect of the drama, which, although three hours long, was by no means tedious.

The district court Saturday last, examined into the cases of John Dunn and Thomas Sullivan, for liquor selling; the former was acquitted, but Sullivan was convicted on one charge, and fined $50 and costs, from which he appealed. Fred. Hamilton, for his share in last week's stabbing affray, was sent up for six months. Sam Sandlin for assault on "Ginger" Thompson, in Griffin's saloon, was given two months in jail. Henry Calkins was acquitted on a charge of selling mortgaged property.

Prof. G. C. Wheeler has completed arrangements for a Palmer class in piano and organ playing, and harmony. Mr. Wheeler has the endorsement of many celebrated artists, such as Prof. Ryder, the pianist and composer, and Prof. White, the song writer of America. One of the most important features of Prof. Wheeler's method is the flexible wrist movement, which enables the pupil to acquire a proper touch, and renders the execution of the most difficult octave or arpeggio passages much easier than by the old method. He will make weekly visits to Palmer.

The High School resumed its sessions on Wednesday, with some 25 scholars. The other schools of the town will commence Wednesday, April 5th. The school committee have met and organized for the work of the coming year, with Rev. Mr. Fullerton, chairman, and Rev. Mr. Leete, secretary. The committee propose, by a slight reduction in the pay of teachers, and with the increased school appropriation, to keep the schools running ten months in the year, instead of nine months, *or less*, as heretofore. There will be several changes in the corps of teachers, all of whom have been engaged. The school at Blanchardville will be discontinued.

MORE CENTENNIAL RELICS.

M. E. Daniels of this village has in his possession some old account books which are of interest. They belonged to Dr. Safford of Belchertown, and among the entries charged, we find almost everything from 3½ pence for a gallon of rum to 10 pence for pulling a tooth, or 7d for a baby's tooth. One charge of 12 shillings is for transportation of a barrel of rum from Boston, and another entry reads thus: "Nov. 17, 1767: Henry Dyer, to Samuel Howe, Dr. To his horse keeping over night and his supper and breakfast, and lodging, and two mugs and a half of flip and mending of his Cart, —1s—0d." Also on the same a prescription dated July 4th, 1776, and a memorandum in regard to the British troops, dated Oct. 18th, 1776, together with a printed resolve, passed by the Mass. House of Representatives September 17th of the same year. Also, the original warrant for a town meeting in Belchertown, in 1731, to raise money for the support of troops in this State. These books were bought with a lot of waste paper, and are on exhibition at the Post Office drug store.

P. S. Turner, of Greenville, Michigan, has a pistareen dated 1723, which is nearly as perfect as when first coined, also two dated 1737 and 1738; also an American silver dollar with the date 1800 and the original 13 stars. Better than all he sends us some specimens of the national currency now in common use in payment for "his welcome visitor, the JOURNAL."

TOWN MEETING.

The town meeting on Monday was the largest seen for several years, the chief interest centering in the election of the board of selectmen and a new member of the school committee. There were some 12 tickets in circulation, and considerable scratching besides. The vote for selectmen was thus announced:

James O. Hamilton,	428
George Mooers,	267
Enos Calkins,	234
Joseph Thompson,	174
Timothy D. Potter,	170

The majority of the old board was returned, and the result is quite satisfactory to the people generally. For the vacancy on the school committee three doctors were candidates, and the ballot gave

William Holbrook,	162
John K. Warren,	153
Silas Ruggles,	100

For the board of assessors there was but one ticket, the old board. The collection of taxes was bid off to Newell A. Taylor for $100, but on the ballot, H. A. Northrop, collector for 1875, whose lowest bid was $112, was elected as collector and constable. The following is a list of officers elected and votes passed:

Moderator.—S. S. Taft.
Town Clerk and Treasurer.—James B. Shaw.
Selectmen.—J. O. Hamilton, Enos Calkins, George Mooers.
Assessors.—John Clough, David Knox, D. B. Bishop.
School Committee for 3 years.—Dr. Wm. Holbrook.
Constable and Collector.—Herbert A. Northrop.
Constables.—J. A. Palmer, S. F. Gibbs, H. W. Stimpson, A. J. Bixby, H. A. Northrop, H. E. Abbey, D. W. Palmer, Merrick Whitney.
Fence Viewers.—M. C. Fenton, A. L. Haynes, R. S. Hastings.
Sealers of Weights and Measures.—Geo. W. Randall, John Clough.
Pound Keepers.—Frank Shaw, John Paul.
Highway Surveyors.—Alfred Trumbull, Geo. W. Randall, G. D. Moores, P. W. Webster, Joseph H. Keith, Eugene Shorley, Horace Smith, C. R. Shaw, Bradley Olney, Joseph Kerrigan, A. L. Haines, Alvin Hastings, R. S. Hastings, jr.
Field Drivers.—Charles Grout, D. B. Matteson, C. D. Lewis, Ethan Warriner, T. V. Kent, Enos Barrett, James Mahoney, G. W. Randall, C. B. Loring.
Surveyors of Lumber.—Nathan Howard, S. W. Smith, D. M. Stebbins, G. W. Randall, T. D. Potter, Thomas Murphy, Francis Keyes.
Measurers of Wood and Bark.—A. E. Park, E. B. Murdock, S. W. Smith, G. W. Randall, D. B. Bishop, Cheney Allen, C. H. Murdock, Merrick Whitney, D. M. Stebbins.
Appropriations.—Highways, $2500; bridges, $500; drainage of streets, $1200; support of poor, $1800; contingencies, $500; schools, $7500; repairs on Bondville school house, $800; for general school house repairs, $600; interest on town debt, $1600; discount on taxes, $1000; reducing town debt, $3000. Total amount, $22,000.
Voted, To pay 15 cents an hour for work on highways; $3 a day for a pair of oxen and cart, or $1 for horses and cart, driver and tools included.
Voted, That two-thirds of the appropriation for highways be expended before June 1st.
Voted, To allow a discount of 4 per cent. on all taxes paid before August 30th, 1876.
Voted, To pay the sealers of weights and measures 25 cents an hour for actual service.
Voted, To accept as a town way, the street laid out and worked by Marshal Fox, from South Main street to the New London Northern Railroad.
Voted, To hire the rooms in Allen block for lock-up and tramp rooms for another year.
Voted, That the assessors be a committee to abate taxes.
Voted, To reconsider a former vote by which eight constables were chosen and add two more. On a ballot, Geo. W. Randall, and Solva Williams (colored) were chosen as the two special constables.
A motion to build a tomb in the cemetery near Four Corners was lost.

WALES.

The Shaw Manufacturing Company, Warren Shaw and Elijah Shaw filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court at Boston last Saturday.

MONSON.

At a meeting of the A. O. H., March 18th, the following officers were chosen; D. J. Donovan, Pres.; D. D. Leahy, Vice Pres.; T. J. Sullivan, sec'y; P. McDonald, financial sec'y; M. D. Maloney, treas.

BRIMFIELD.

S. H. Brown has a warrant issued in 1745 to his great-great-grandfather, to collect £30,000 in taxes, and £5400 for General Court expenses, and also £235 in fines on certain towns for not sending representatives. Some of the equivalents allowed for money were as follows: sole leather was credited at 4d per lb.; train "oyl," £1 10s per bbl.; corn, 2s 3d per bushel; wheat, 3s; pork, £2 per bbl.; beef, £1 5s, etc. Gold coin was taken at £4 18s per oz., and silver at 6s 8d.

THORNDIKE.

At the annual parish meeting of the first Cong. society, held Monday, March 13th, the following officers were chosen: Geo. Mooers, moderator; Charles F. Smith, clerk; H. E. W. Clark, treasurer and collector; George Mooers, R. S. Hastings, Franklin Clark, prudential committee; H. E. W. Clark, R. S. Hastings, Jr., C. D. Fuller, supplying committee. A vote of thanks was passed to W. N. Packard for his faithful service as treasurer of said society for the past twenty-five years.

WILBRAHAM.

The spring term of the academy began on Wednesday.

About 15 couples took a sleighride to Holyoke Monday afternoon, supping and dancing at the Holyoke House.

William Colgrove, a farm hand at the academy, went away the other day and has not been heard from since, leaving a wife and three children behind him.

Some prominent men are expected to be present at the academy celebration in June. Secretary Bristow and Senators Dawes and Boutwell have expressed their intention of being there, and Mr. Blaine is expected to follow suit.

WARREN.

West Warren has a new physician—Dr. H. Howell.

The tea party of the Universalist society last week netted $30.

E. C. Morgan succeeds to the millinery business of Mrs. F. A. Tuttle & Co., dissolved.

The farmers are offered 25 cents a can for their milk for the next six months, by the Boston milk men.

The Warren cotton mill is laying in a store of wood for its boilers, as at present prices it is cheaper than coal.

Rev. S. J. Austin declines to serve on the school committee, to which he was elected at the late town meeting.

Rev. N. V. Pierce, whose ill health compelled him to retire from a Brooklyn pastorate, has bought the boot and shoe business of the late W. L. Powers.

Edwin Fairbanks drew a $40 silver service at the Congregational fair at West Warren last Friday evening. The society netted $204 from the fair, which will go towards paying the debt.

Some party from abroad is talking of starting a weekly newspaper in Warren. It will hardly gain more than a weakly support, thriving as Warren is at present, other journals covering its field so thoroughly.

There is a prospect of lively times at the adjourned town meeting in April, over the appropriations, as a strong effort will be made for a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent. The school committee spent nearly $1800 in excess of their appropriation last year, a fact which will provoke some vigorous talk.

BELCHERTOWN.

The new grist mill of Dorman & Sanford has begun business.

It is thought there will be a good many changes in real estate this spring.

The new proprietor of the Belcher House will take charge next Monday.

This last sleighing helped the sleigh manufacturers to dispose of a few of their sleighs.

Dr. George F. Thompson has completed a new house on a street to be opened west of, and running parallel with Main street.

Religious services are held every Sunday in the school house near Dwight's Station, with prayer meetings every Wednesday evening, and there have been several hopeful conversions.

Solon Bridgman, a 16 year old son of Gilford Bridgman, died of hydrophobia Monday morning, seven weeks and two days after being bitten. As several others were bitten by the same dog, much excitement prevails.

WARE AND VICINITY.

A. Donner, of Springfield, has taken a four years' lease of the Ware hotel and will reopen it about April 1st.

It is expected that the high school will begin the first Monday in April, and the other schools the Monday following.

Mrs. L. P. Ward, of Salem, gave a very fine temperance lecture at the chapel Monday evening, under the auspices of the Reform Club.

The case of Brown vs. Perry, tried at Enfield last Wednesday, was decided in favor of the defendant, and the parties will live singly for awhile longer.

There was quite a small pox scare on South street Tuesday night, but nothwithstanding one family moved out of the tenement, nothing serious ensued.

The variableness of our weather was illustrated again this week, the thermometer Monday morning standing at 4° below zero, at 6 o'clock, on Tuesday morning at the same time at 40° above.

The meeting of the Reform Club Monday evening was fully attended, and the lecture by Miss Ward well paid all for attending. After the lecture the Misses Wheldon, Dexter and Strahan sang "The Poor Drunkard's Child."

With all that has been said against E. D. Winslow, we have learned one incident in his favor, viz: that on a recent visit to Ware he searched for and paid an old bill contracted at the old Union store and long since outlawed.

There was a large attendance at the Methodist tea party Wednesday evening. The costumes were plenty and some of them exceedingly ancient. The singing was fine, accompanied by a bass viol and cornet. In the curiosity room was crockery from one to two hundred years old, kneebuckles, shoe buckles, and snow shoes of different ages, relics from the battlefield in the late war, and chief of all in importance was a bottle found in a cave in Nottingham, England, and supposed to be over a thousand years old. Dennis Towne, the hero of Port Hudson and champion blaster of Mass., did much to make the curiosity room of special interest, visiting several neighboring towns for relics. The society cleared from the entertainment about $115.

At a recent meeting of the school committe, Rev. William G. Tuttle was chosen chairman and C. S. Robinson secretary. It was voted to reduce the salary of the teachers in all the schools except the primary, that of the high school being reduced $100 per year, and of the others one dollar per week, this reduction to be in districts No. 1 and 9 only. The same corps of teachers will be employed as last year except in the grammar school, where no assistant will be employed, and the committee have advertised for a new teacher. The committee invite all applicants for admission to the high school to meet them at the high school room Tuesday, the 28th, at 1½ o'clock p. m. for examination. Mr. J. R. Lawton declines to serve on the school committee, and the selectmen are asked to fill the vacancy in the board.

The Boston Journal of Chemistry is one of the most valued of our exchanges, and we always make a practice of "devouring" it from beginning to end. It is a monthly record of progress in physical science, clearly and ably written and handsomely printed, and unsurpassed in its line as a practical journal for the home, shop, or farm, while its price, one dollar per annum, places it within the reach of all.

A man was buried in the bottom of a well 35 feet deep at Fort Madison, Ia., last week, by the walls caving in, but was dug out after an imprisonment of more than 17 hours in a conscious state, though it is a mystery how he survived so long, as he was surrounded and pressed upon all sides with stones and brick, and had at least 30 feet of earth over him.

The right to print and sell the official catalogue of the Centennial Exposition has been bought for $100,000; $40,000 is paid for the right to establish restaurants in the main building; soda water privileges bring the finance board $52,000; cigar stands, $18,000; and it is estimated that with a royalty on beer of $3 a barrel, $50,000 will be realized.

Mrs. Smith Hoyt, of Stamford, Conn., was one day last week examinging a new house nearly completed for her occupancy when she thoughtlessly stepped backward, falling through an open stairway and striking her head on a nail, which pierced the brain, killing her instantly.

The trotting associations of the country will offer $25,000 each in premiums this year. In 1874 the Springfield association offered $50,000.

A schooner came in collision with a brig off Barnegat, N. J., last Friday night, and was sunk, the captain, his wife and a sailor being drowned.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

Britain has $30,000,000 worth of iron-clads on the stocks.

Edwin Booth cleared $52,000 by his Southern starring tour.

Australia still spends more money on cavalry horses than schools.

It is estimated that 187 little hatchets (G. W.'s) are on their way to the Centennial.

A North Carolina man tried a long time to open the first postal card he ever received.

The losses by the floods in Austria and Hungary are estimated at over $11,000,000.

The names of 400 converts from Romanism to Protestantism in Montreal are published.

Mrs. Dowd of Humboldt, Iowa, has had twenty-six children within eighteen years. Twins.

A deceased New York scissors grinder got enough to bequeath $8000 to relatives in England.

Deep snows in Utah have caused the death of 4000 cattle this winter, but Brigham survives.

A meeting of the survivors of Andersonville prison will be held at Norwich, Conn., April 12.

Kentucky is so overrun with rabits that hunting them down has become an absolute necessity.

There is a man under arrest in New York who is said to have stolen $20,000 worth of umbrellas.

Vesuvius is in a state of eruption, and the lava is flowing toward Pompeii. The sight is said to be magnificent.

There is enough lumber lying at the wharves of St Johns, New Brunswick, to load forty 1,000 ton vessels.

An eighteen months' old negro child was recently spurred to death by a game rooster in Stokes county, North Carolina.

It is announced that after next week no station agent who is not married will be employed on the Naugatuck road.

The Elmville Woolen Mills at Cranston, R. I., and other property were burned Saturday night; loss about $175,000.

English sparrows have built their nests in the nostrils of a horse on which is placed a statue of Washington, at Richmond, Va.

There is an immense pigeon roost near Carpenter, Pa., and the birds are said to number millions. At times the flocks darken the sky.

Near Evans, Col., large numbers of cattle are dying from a disease which shows no premonitory signs of its approach, but kills instantly.

A mother, daughter and daughter-in-law contributed one each to the population of Stamford, Conn., recently, all within twenty-four hours.

The take of buffalo robes in Montana the present season is the heaviest for several years. Some of the dealers will ship from 8000 to 10,000 robes each.

Last year the town of Winter, Cal., was a wheat field, and a crop was gathered from it. To-day it has twelve hundred inhabitants, and town lots are worth $600.

A statistical genius estimates the cost of fences in the United States at $2,300,000,000, and their annual repair, depreciation, and interest on first cost at $400,000,000.

A New Bedford lady has had her hitching post pulled up because she did not like the character of the gentlemen who tied their horses to it while they called on the ladies next door.

Miss Shelton of Marshalton, Iowa, could not get damages of her recreant lover in a breach of promise suit, but she could and did throw red pepper in his eyes as he was going out of the court room.

The Academy of Medicine and Surgery, St. Petersburg, is attended by 171 women and girls, 102 of whom are of titled birth. They mix harmoniously with the other sex in the dissecting rooms.

In places where they are digging for sulphur at Steamboat Springs, Nevada, the ground becomes so hot at the depth of four or five feet that the workmen have to handle the sulphur with long-handled pitchforks.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

After a deal of backing and filling the House has passed a bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton with his stepdaughter.

A bill for the inspection of "baby farms" has been passed in the Senate.

The bill making the law relative to night walking apply to men as well as women, has been engrossed in the House, and will probably pass the Senate.

The project to abolish the Governor's Council don't meet with favor.

The Senate rejected the House resolve abolishing the Bureau of Statistics and Labor.

The Agricultural College is likely to receive $5000 this year.

A bill has been reported in the Senate enabling towns of over 5000 inhabitants to vote in wards.

A statement has been presented in the House, showing that since 1860 the Commonwealth has granted to semi-private institutions the sum of $2,511,750.87.

The House has disposed of about 200 more bills, &c., than it had last year at this time, and the talk now is of an adjournment in from four to six weeks.

A bill has been reported to prevent the importation of Texas or Cherokee cattle into the State between May 15th and Nov. 1st in any year.

The Committee on Re-districting the State have prepared the Senatorial districts, and have adhered to county lines closely. The two districts in Hampden county are unchanged, while the old Berkshire and Hampshire district is abolished, Berkshire being divided into two districts. Hampshire and Franklin counties have each one Senator, and Worcester county has five, as before.

A bill has been reported which provides that church property exceeding $1200 in value shall be taxed on all over that sum.

The committee on Banks and Banking has reported a bill which limits the annual dividends of savings banks to 5 per cent., and provides for the accumulation of a guarantee fund. It also provides for extra dividends not oftener than once in three years.

A resolve has been reported granting county taxes, in which Hampden Co. is down for $80,000, Berkshire the same, Hampshire $38,000, and Franklin $35,000.

The House, by a vote of 112 to 104, on Thursday passed to a third reading a liquor bill providing for local option and the appointment of liquor agents.

A boy 11 years of age was recently committed for trial in England on a charge of wilfully murdering a boy 10 years old. He was further charged with the murder of a boy five years old, and remanded for examination.

A Card.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Burleigh desire to express gratitude to their neighbors and friends for the many kindnesses rendered them during their recent affliction.

Religious Items.

....A society for the evangelization of Africa has been formed in Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn.

....A Congregational church in Pittsfield, Ill., is to have an orchestra of six instruments to assist the choir.

....The sum of $121,000,000 has been spent in England since 1840 in building and restoring church edifices.

....It is estimated that there have been 250,000 conversions in this country within the past few months.

....A wealthy New Yorker, grateful for the conversion of his wild son, has contributed $50,000 toward the Moody and Sankey meetings.

....Rev. Alvah Hovey, President of Newton Theological Seminary, in a recent address before the Baptist ministers at Boston, opposed the compulsory reading of the Bible in the public schools.

....Rev. M. C. Julieu, a Unitarian minister at New Bedford, at a late meeting of the Reform club of that city, declared that he thought rum-selling a legitimate business, was opposed to either license or prohibition, and could not advocate total abstinence, though he was in favor of temperance.

....Times have changed somewhat since 1702, as will be seen from the following extract from the record book of a Connecticut church of that date: "For making a noise in church, Ann Bolton, spinster, is to sit three days in the poor pew, and pay a fine of five shillings." Some such discipline would not go amiss, occasionally, in these latter days.

A QUEER REVELATION.—In 1871 Charles W. Newman of Medford disappeared from his home, and was supposed to have committed suicide, as the body of a man was found hanging from a tree in the woods at South Scituate a few weeks afterwards, which the family recognized as his, by peculiar marks on his person. But it was recently learned that Newman was alive and visiting friends in New Hampshire, and it now transpires that he is living in Plainfield, N. J., where he is at work at a trade, boarding with a respectable family, and is an exemplary member of the Congregational church. His reasons for abandoning his family are not known. The body which was supposed to be his, was probably some suicide, as there was $53 in the man's pockets.

FREE ICE WATER.—The Sons of Temperance of Pennsylvania are determined that the beer and soda fellows shall not have it all their own way at the Centennial, and will erect a structure where ice water can be had free of cost. The fountain will contain 26 self-acting faucets, and will hold between 4000 and 5000 gallons of water; enough to supply all who come.

A DEFAULTER.—Wm. P. Beals of Chicopee, Treasurer of the Connecticut Valley Odd Fellows' Mutual Relief Association, has resigned in consequence of a deficit of $1300 in his accounts. He used the money in his business and then became bankrupt, paying twenty-five cents on a dollar.

WHERE OUR WHEAT GOES.—The people of Great Britain consume on an average five and a half bushels of wheat annually per individual. The number to be fed is about 33,000,000. The crop the past year is estimated at 75,000,000 bushels. This opens a demand for about 100,000,000 bushels from other countries.

A NICE PAUPER.—A new style of pauper has turned up at the New London Almshouse. He came there some time ago, apparently in a condition of abject destitution. Now it is discovered that he wears about his person a belt containing several thousand dollars.

LOSING GROUND.—At the eighteenth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Massachusetts, held at Worcester last week, a membership of 13,129 in 198 lodges was reported, being a loss during the year of 1,886 members and 11 lodges.

The U. S. Supreme Court has decided that the head money taxes on immigrants by the States is unconstitutional, and that a State has no authority to interfere with immigration in any shape. This puts a stop to the regulation of Chinese immigration by California.

Thomas W. Piper, convicted of the murder of little Mabel Young in a church tower at Boston, has been denied a new trial by the supreme court, and will go to the gallows unless his sentence be commuted by the Governor.

An explosion of Jupiter powder in a mill in the northern part of New York city Wednesday afternoon, killed four men, blowing them to atoms, and wounded several others severely.

RENNE'S Pain-Killing Magic Oil is a potent medicinal agent. When freely used as directed, it penetrates through the absorbents to the seat of pain, causing free circulation, and giving to weakened and over-strained cords and muscles new life and elasticity. Try it for sprains and bruises.

HUNDREDS of lives have been saved by the use of HUNT'S REMEDY, the great Kidney Medicine. HUNT'S REMEDY cures dropsy and all diseases of the kidneys, bladder and urinary organs. HUNT'S REMEDY is purely vegetable, and used daily by physicians in their practice. Do not delay, but try HUNT'S REMEDY immediately.

If you wish to put the spare chamber in the best trim and at the least outlay, you should visit Springfield, and get one of those elegant black walnut chamber sets, so cheap yet so durable, which Metcalf & Luther, house-furnishing dealers, are selling. You will find their warehouse opposite Court Square, and filled with everything wanted in the housekeeping line. They have put the prices lower than ever.

WE did not know that so great a stock of paper hangings, curtains, etc., were kept in Springfield by any one house till we had visited the great store of D. Warner's Sons & Co. In addition to the beautiful lines of wall paper and curtains, which gives them so great a reputation, they have a choice variety of table oil cloths, room and cornice mouldings. They keep a splendid stock of materials for making wax flowers and the very best of artists' materials. It is a pleasure to look over their patterns and designs. Such exquisite styles prevail this spring. Our readers who may intend to visit Springfield will find there something that will make their rooms look neat and beautiful. While there it may be well to remember that this firm has a large store on Market street, where they sell paints oils and glass, for house-painting and glazing, and are perhaps the largest dealers in the city. Their paper hanging warehouse is opposite Court Square. 3w52

THE "People's Store"—Fay's new shoe store, 332 Main St., Springfield—the wants of the whole public can be supplied here. They are now opening their spring stock, and will, in order to meet the demands of the times, make their prices lower than ever. Those in want of boots and shoes, after having tried every other store, will do well to call at Fay's, and it is more than probable they will be suited.

LYON'S KATHAIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-26

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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To Consumptives.—The advertiser, a retired physician, having providentially discovered, while a Medical Missionary in Southern Asia, a very simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of *Consumption*, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all throat and lung affections,—also, a positive and radical specific for Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all Nervous complaints, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the recipe for preparing, and full directions for successfully using, this providentially discovered remedy. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this discovery without cost, can do so by return mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, DR. CHARLES P. MARSHALL, 33 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y. 1y51

Stop that Cough.—If everything has failed in your case, try Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. There is no pulmonary complaint which it will not cure or greatly relieve. As a remedy for all throat and lung diseases, cure for colds, croup, and preventive of consumption, it has no equal. Acts like a charm in whooping cough, sore throat and hoarseness. Contains no opium, and is pleasant to take. Trial bottles 10 cents. WILDER & BLOOD, sole agents for Ware. Call at their drug store and ask about it.—Smith, Doolittle & Smith, Boston, wholesale agents. 1y41-25

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BORN.

At Bondville, 16th, a son to H. G. SEDGWICK.

At Ware, 7th, a son to ALBERT CONEY; 11th, a son to PETER JAQUES; 13th, a daughter to SIMEON LAFRENIER; 15th, a daughter to PHINEAS DUNSTROW.

At Monson, 23d, a son to Dr. and Mrs. G. E. FULLER.

MARRIED.

At West Warren, WILLIAM H. BUSH and Mrs. MARY M. STEBBINS, both of Palmer.

At Ludlow, 19th, HIRAM L. CADY and MARY A. MORRILL.

DIED.

At Ware, 17th, RUTH JOY, 37, wife of J. B. Green.

At Monson, 16th, WILSON STACY, 80; 21st, HENRY T. FROST, 32.

At Brimfield, 23d, WILLIAM HERRING, 43.

At Stafford, 10th, THOMAS BRADY, 63; 22d JOSEPHINE G. GOODELL, 24.

At Belchertown, 18th, HARRIET R., 60, wife of Galen Ayers; 18th, REUBEN MILES, 77.

At South Wilbraham, 11th, at the residence of C. M. Walker, LUCY WALKER, 72.

At Wilbraham, 19th, JAMES H., 2 years 2 months, son of D. A. Hoag.

FOR SALE OR TO LET!

The residence of Mrs. L. A. Nelson, No. 11 South Main street, Palmer. For particulars inquire on the premises. 52tf

LOST.—Between the Journal office and Eli N. Fay's, a Black Reticule, containing $5 in money, with a few other articles. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at Eli N. Fay's or at the JOURNAL Office. 1w54

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A tenement, one mile from the village. Can have the land with it, if desired. Inquire on the premises of Mrs. H. S. BURLEIGH.
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Wilbraham, March 14th, 1876. 3w52

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 10th, 1876.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$13,219 17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	30,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	5,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents,	8,854 04
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures,	1,701 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	249 45
Premiums paid,	5,239 74
Bills of other National Banks,	2,050 00
Fractional currency (including nickels),	63 67
Legal Tender notes,	1500 00
Total,	$67,877 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$54,950 00
Other undivided profits,	228 44
Individual deposits subject to check,	12,607 13
Demand certificates of deposit,	91 50
Total,	$67,877 07

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden ss:

I, LEONARD GREEN, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief,
LEONARD GREEN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of March, 1876. JAMES G. ALLEN, Justice of the Peace.

CORRECT—Attest:
JAS. B. SHAW,
GEO. MOORS, } Directors.
A. H. WILLIS,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 10th, 1876.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$177,862 52
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	170,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	15,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents,	10,957 73
Due from other National Banks,	21,398 95
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	4,500 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	594 60
Checks and other cash items,	62 40
Bills of other National Banks,	1,935 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	303 51
Legal-tender notes,	3,397 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation),	7,250 00
Total,	$411,261 71

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$150,000 00
Surplus fund,	30,000 00
Other undivided profits,	70,437 00
National Bank notes outstanding,	144,425 00
Dividends unpaid,	235 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	11,958 45
Demand certificates of deposit,	3,811 91
Due to other National Banks,	364 35
Total,	$411,261 71

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, ss:

I, E. F. MORRIS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March, 1876. C. L. PECK, Justice of the Peace.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. HOLMES,
C. H. MERRICK, } Directors.
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ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority given me by the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, I will sell at public auction on the premises, on the 29th day of March, current, at 11 o'clock a. m., the homestead of Evlyn A. Taylor, late of West Springfield (Ashleyville), deceased, containing about 5 acres, with the buildings thereon, located about ¼ of a mile west of the Chicopee bridge, the Field Lot, so called, near the homestead, containing 5½ acres, and the Prospect Hill pasture lot, containing about 25 acres. Also, at the same time and place, a lot of hay, 1 buggy, 1 business wagon, farming tools, etc., etc. TERMS MADE KNOWN AT TIME OF SALE.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Fitzgerald, of Springfield, in said county, minor, greeting:

Whereas, Joseph Thompson, the guardian of said minor, has presented his petition for license to sell certain real estate therein specified of his said ward for investment, at private sale, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
3w51g SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

ADMINISTRATRIX' SALE!

By virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest of Lyman A. Nelson, late of said Palmer, deceased, in and to the following described real estate, situate in that part of Palmer called Tenneyville, on the westerly side of the road leading from Palmer to Monson, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road, thence southerly on said road about seven rods to a stake and stones, thence westerly about three rods to a stake and stones, thence northerly about seven rods, thence easterly about three rods to the first mentioned bound, containing twenty-one rods of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Bridget Lane, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss.—PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Edward L. Stutson, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Epaphro A. Day, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—OFFICE of COMPTROLLER of the CURRENCY.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.
JNO. JAY KNOX,
No. 2324. 8w47 Comptroller of the Currency.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Frank P. Ellis, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
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ON THE SLY.—A lady was entertaining the bishop of the State at her house, as he was an old valued friend of the family, and was always their guest on the occasion of his visitations to the parish.

On Sunday morning after his arrival, the lady's little son sidled up to him just after breakfast.

"Bishop," said he, "would you like to look at my piggie book?"

"Why, yes," replied the church dignitary, anxious to please the little fellow.

"Well," whispered the child, "I'll show it to you, but you'll have to look at it on the sly, 'cause it's Sunday."

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THE OLD CLOCK'S SECRET.

"You *shall* marry Godfrey Marsh, Marcia," Mrs. Stanhope said, setting her teeth together, in that grim fashion of hers, which told that her mind was fully made up. "He is rich. He can give you a home second to none in all the country round. He can give you position and influence."

"I don't want a home, if I have got to marry for that, and nothing else," said Marcia, bitterly. "I don't care for all the position and influence Godfrey Marsh can give me, if I have got to accept him with them. I hate him. If I married him I would not live with him a year."

"You are a foolish girl. There isn't another girl in Hilbury that wouldn't jump at the chance you have. And I don't believe you will let it slip out of your hands when you think it over as a sensible girl should."

"I shall never change my mind," answered Marcia. "Never."

"You are thinking of Dick Gresham, of course. He is a much more desirable fellow than Godfrey Marsh, I suppose. I infer that you would not hesitate to accept the position and influence *he* can give you, as Mrs. Gresham," sneered her mother.

"I have never said anything of the kind. He has never asked me to say anything of the kind, and I certainly shall wait till I am asked. Dick Gresham is an honest, respectable man, and the peer of Godfrey Marsh in every way. Godfrey Marsh's money I count out of the question entirely," answered Marcia, with a flush.

"I understand how the case stands. I have told you before, and I repeat it again, that you may understand me fully—never, with my consent, shall you marry Dick Gresham. I don't believe he cares half so much for you as you do for him. If he does, he dosen't show it as most men are apt to do, and you will save a good deal of gossip if you keep your fancy for him a little more to yourself. People are not blind," said Mrs. Stanhope, sternly.

And then Mrs. Stanhope went out, and Marcia sat and thought. Those last words of her mother's might hold a good deal of truth in them. She had sometimes wondered if Dick Gresham did care for her as she acknowledged to herself that she cared for him? He was not like most men. It was not in his nature to be demonstrative, Perhaps he was waiting to be sure of his own heart—and of her regard for him. She had been with him a good deal. She had wondered more than once if he loved her. If he did, he had never told her so. She believed that he did, however.

There was a rattle of carriage wheels at the gate. She looked out with a frown gathering on her face. She knew who was there, well enough.

"Is Marcia at home?" she heard Godfrey Marsh ask her mother. "If she is, I should like to take her out for a drive this afternoon."

"Yes, she'll be delighted to go. I'll call her," she heard her mother say.

"I won't go," she thought, hurriedly, with a little angry gesture. Then she thought better of that decision. It would offend her mother if she refused, and their life was not a very harmonious one of late. And perhaps Gresham might see them, and conclude to speak out.

So she got ready and went.

While she was gone, Dick Gresham came to see her. Mrs. Stanhope met him coolly but politely.

He inquired for Marcia.

"She has gone out to ride with Mr. Godfrey Marsh," Mrs Stanhope answered, with an inward chuckle at the discomfited look on Dick's face.

"I am very sorry," he said. "I wanted to see her very much. I am going away this evening and I do not know how long I shall be gone, nor how far I shall go. I wanted to say something to her before I went."

Dick knew that Mrs. Stanhope hated him. He felt it. But he was frank and honest with her.

"I can't say when she will be back," Mrs. Stanhope said. "I think Mr. Marsh expects to stop at tea. From that, I infer that they will be gone most of the afternoon."

"Yes, quite likely. I shall not see her then, but I might write what I wanted to say, and leave it for you to give her," answered Dick.

"Yes, you could do that; you will find pen and paper in the secretary there," she said.

"It's the best I can do," thought Dick, "I had much rather have said it; but, if can't do that I shall have to do the next best thing."

He wrote down what he came to say to Marcia, and sealed it in an envelope, upon which he wrote her name.

"If you will give it to her you will be doing me a great favor. I had rather not tell you what I have written, though perhaps you have a right to know. Marcia may tell you," he said, laying it down on the table by Mrs. Stanhope.

Then he said good-by and went away.

"I have a right to know, according to his own admission," Mrs. Stanhope said, and tore away the envelope.

She read the letter through carefully.

"I think fate is playing into my hands. It will be quite a long time before your letter is answered, if I am not mistaken, Dick Gresham," she said grimly.

She went to the old clock in the corner, opened it, and dropped the letter down into its mysterious depths.

"There! that is disposed of safely, I think," she said, shutting the door upon its secret.

The next morning she spoke up suddenly to Marcia, as they were at work in the kitchen together.

"Dick Gresham was here yesterday to see you. He said he was going away last night, and didn't know how far he was going, nor how long he should be gone. He has joined the engineering-party going from Hilbury to the West. He told me to tell you good-bye for him."

"That was all?" Marcia said it sharply, as if the words cost her a great effort. Her face was very pale.

"Yes, that was all," answered Mrs. Stanhope.

"He never cared for me, I am sure," Marcia whispered to her pillow that night, and cried herself to sleep.

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It was a pleasant afternoon in October when Mrs. Stanhope died. The sky was full of dreamy vagueness—a haze through which the sunshine filtered goldenly, and hid the mountains far off, and made the hills near by seem like the hills of some ghostly land. The leaves of the old chestnut by the door were dropping softly and with a rustle that kept time to the ticking of the old clock in the corner.

Mrs. Stanhope had been failing slowly for years. Her life had faded as the day fades; you scarcely can tell that the light is going out, but the first you know it is gone. It was so with her. The light was almost gone out, now. It only flickered for a moment; then there would be darkness.

"Marcia," she said gently.

"Well, mother?"

"There is something I want to tell you. Dick Gresham left a letter for you when he went away. I read it, and hid it in the old clock. It is there yet. When I am gone, find it and read it. But not till then, Marcia." She looked up pleadingly into Marcia's face.

"No, not till then," Marcia promised, with a strange feeling of expectancy, regret and anger at heart. What did that hidden letter have to say? Perhaps—and then she tried to put all thought of it out of her head until the time for her to know what Dick had to say. But she could not do that.

By-and-by Mrs. Stanhope said she wanted to go to sleep. Marcia arranged her pillows, and the sick woman closed her eyes wearily.

She slept long and well, for she never woke again.

The funeral was over. And then came the awful sense of desolation that follows after a burial. Whoever has passed through this experience of life can never forget the dreary lonesomeness, the solemn silence that is about the house. The world seems to have stopped for a little time.

Tick, tick, the old clock kept repeating that night, and Marcia went to it to solve the mystery it held. She took off the old door, and removed the curiously carved front. In the bottom, covered with the dust of fifteen years, she found the letter she had never known of for so long.

She read it with a curious blending of pleasure to know that Dick had loved her, and bitter regret for what she had lost. If she had only known then! Now her life must go on as it had gone so long, but she should have it to think of that *he had loved her.*

She laid her head down upon the old clock and cried softly. His love would have been so sweet. It would have made her life so pleasant. But it was lost. It had been lost for fifteen years.

There was a knock at the door. She got up hastily, and went to admit her visitor, hardly conscious of what she was doing, but acting more from force of habit than anything else.

A man stood on the threshold.

"Marcia," he said, and held out his hand. "You don't know me, I guess. I'm Dick Gresham. I came back to-day. I heard of your mother's death, and I knew you'd be lonesome, and I thought perhaps you'd be glad to see an old friend, so I made bold to come."

"Oh, Dick, Dick!" she cried. "I wonder what sent you here to-night? I have just found the letter you wrote and left for me before you went away. I never knew there had been one until three days ago. You can't blame me for not writing, as you asked me to, Dick?" and then the face of this woman, whose years were thirty-five, and out of whose heart you would have supposed all girlish romance had fled, grew suddenly hot with sweet shame to think of what her words meant.

"God sent me, I guess," he said, with a great gladness in his face, and he caught her to his heart and kissed her. "I was sure you loved me, Marcia, but the letter I looked for never came, and I thought your mother had got you to thinking as she did. So I gave up hoping for that which I took for granted I had lost, and I stayed away because there was nothing to draw me back. A month ago I got it into my head that I wanted to see Hilbury again, and I came back. They told me you were Marcia Stanhope still, and I think that set me to hoping a little. You see it's hard to give up hoping, in the first place, and it don't take much to set a man to hoping again, after he thinks he has given it up, for *he can't forget.*"

And so, after fifteen years, the old clock gave up its secret, and two hearts came together, never more to be parted.

GOOD GARDEN WALKS.—Dig out the soil the width of the walk, and to a depth of two and a half feet. At this depth begin by laying a foundation layer of large stones, fitted closely together. A second layer, smaller in size, should follow the first, and so on, having each succeeding layer of stones smaller in size than the preceding one, until the space is filled nearly level with the surrounding surface. A top coating of coarse cinders, and these covered with a few inches in depth of gravel and fine sand, will complete the job, and will give a substantial walk, that will always be dry under foot. It will improve the walk and the appearance at the same time, if the clinkers and sand on the top are rolled down firmly; and in the course of a week or two, when the material settles, it may be found necessary to add some more gravel and sand, to even the surface.

KEEP AN INVENTORY.—Always keep an inventory of your property, particularly of merchandise, making a new one every year. In case of fire the assured must be able to prove his loss, not guess at it, and the inventory then becomes almost indispensable. Any person who neglects this imperative duty will regret the omission if he is ever burned out.

PROVERBIAL PHILOSOPHY.—There is no place like home. Fallacious. If your home be in a row of houses, it is probable that the homes of your neighbors will be very much like yours.

SOUTHERN "INDEPENDENCE."

The Natchez (Miss.) Weekly Democrat is responsible for the following excellent sketch:

"Hallo, stranger, you seem to be going to market?"

"Yes, sir, I am."

"What are you carrying that plow along for?"

"Going to send it to Pittsburg."

"To Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania?"

"You're mighty right, I am."

"What are you going to send it there for?"

"To get it sharpened."

"All the way to Pittsburg to get sharpened?"

"You bet! We've starved our blacksmith out. He pulled up stakes the other day and went to Texas."

"Well, that's rather a novel idea, my friend—sending a plow so far to get sharpened."

"Not so novel as you heard it was. We do our milling at St. Louis."

"Is that so?"

"You're right it is. We used to have a mill at Punkinville Creek, but the owner got too poor to keep up, and so we turned to get our grinding done at St. Louis."

"You don't mean to say that you send your grist all the way to St. Louis by rail?"

"I didn't say nothing about grist—we hain't got no grist to send. But we get our flour and meal from St. Louis."

"I see you have a hide on your wagon."

"Yes, our old cow died last week. March winds blowed the life out'n her. Sendin' her hide to Boston to get tanned."

"All the way to Boston? Is not that rather expensive, my friend? The freights will eat the hide up."

"That's a fact; cleaner than buzzards did the old critter's carcass. But what's the use bein' taxed to build railroads 'thout you get the good of 'em? Used to have a tanyard over at Lickskillet, and a shoemaker, too. But they're kerflummuxed."

"Kerflummuxed—what's that?"

"It means gone up spout. And, 'twixt you and me, that's mighty nigh the case with our State."

"When do you expect to get your leather?"

"Don't expect to git no leather at all—expect to git shoes some day made at Boston or thereabouts."

"Rather a misfortune to lose a milk cow, my friend."

"Not so much a misfortune as you heard it was. Monstrous sight of shuckin' and a nubbin' in a cow, and milkin' her night and mornin' and gittin' only three quarts a day."

"What are you going to do for milk?"

"Send North for it."

"Send North for milk?"

"Yes, concentrated milk and Goshen butter."

"Oh! I see the point."

"Mighty handy things these railroads—make them Yankee fellers do all our jobs for us now—do our smithin', and grindin', and tannin', and milkin', and churnin'."

"I see you have a bale of cotton."

"Yes; we go our bottom nickel on cotton, sendin' it up to Massachusetts to get it carded, spun and wove. Time'll come when we'll send it there to be ginned—then we'll be happy. Monstrous sight of trouble runnin' these gins."

"That would be rather expensive, sending cotton in seed."

"No more so than them Western fellers pays when they send corn East and get a dollar a bushel and pay six bits freight. Besides, as I said, what's the use of paying for railroads 'thout we use the roads?"

"You seem to appreciate the advantages of railroads."

"I think we ought—we pay enough for 'em."

"I reckon you fatten your own pork?"

"Well, you reckon wrong, stranger. I get them Illinoy fellers to do that for me. It's mighty convenient, too. Monstrous sight of trouble toting a big basketful of corn three times a day to hogs in a pen—'speially when you hain't got none to tote it to."

"I should think so."

"There's one thing lacking, though, to make the business complete."

"What's that?"

"They ought to send them hogs ready cooked. Cookin', and preparin' wood for cookin', takes a heap of time that ort by rights to be employed in the cotton patch. I was sayin' to my old woman the other day, 'If we Mississippi folks got our cookin' and washin' done up North and sent by express, we'd be as happy as office-holders.'"

"Your horse in the lead there seems to be lame."

"Yes—needs shoein'. If he wasn't the only horse I've got, and I can't spare him, I'd send him up where they make the horse-shoes and nails and get him shod. Can't get such a thing done in our parts. Perhaps I can at the depot."

"How do you manage to live in your parts, my old friend?"

"Why, we raise cotton. My road turns off here, stranger. Gee, Ball! back, Brandy. I'm glad I seed you, stranger."

MEALY POTATOES.—We have found from our own experience that potatoes are very watery from the month of March till the market offers us new ones. In our kitchen we overcome the soggy disposition of these valuable vegetables by soaking them a few hours in cold water, and putting them into hot water to boil, without salt; then, when they are tender nearly all the way through, turn the water off, and re-fill the saucepan with cold water. Put in salt and boil till they are quite done; drain off that water also, cover as tightly as possible, and set on the back of the range to steam, lifting the cover for an instant once or twice; then, with one hand holding down the lid, shake the saucepan gently, quickly and steadily for a moment, and serve your potatoes hot. If rightly managed they will be like snowballs.—*Housekeeper.*

THE COW.—If civilized people were ever to lapse into the worship of animals, the cow would certainly be their chief goddess. What a fountain of blessing is a cow! She is the mother of beef, the source of butter, the original cause of cheese, to say nothing of shoe horns, hair combs and upper leather. A gentle, amiable, ever yielding creature, who has no joy in her family affairs which she does not share with man. We rob her of her children, that we may rob her of her milk, and we only care for her that the robbery may be perpetuated.

Paddy's description of a fiddle cannot be beaten: "It is the shape of a turkey, and the size of a goose. He turned it over on its belly and rubbed its back with a stick, and och, by St. Patrick, how it did squale."

The Marriage Ceremony.

You bromish now, you goot man dare,
Vot sthands upon de vloor,
To haf dish vooman for your vife,
Und love her evermore;
To feed her vell mit sour-kraut,
Peens, puttermilk und scheese,
Und in all things to lend your aid
Dat vill promote her ease?

"Yesh;" und you vooman sthanding dare,
Do bledge your vord dish tay,
Dat you will take for your hoosband
Dis man, und hiu opey;
Dat you will ped und poard mit him,
Vash, iron, und mend his clothes,
Laff ven he schmiles, veep ven he mourns,
Und share his shoys und voes?

Vell, den, I now viddin dese valls,
Mit shoy, und not mit kreef,
Bronounce you both to be one mind,
You unne, von man, you beef;
I publish here dese holy pands,
Dese matthermoonial ties,
Before Got, mine frow, Hans und Poll,
Und all dese gazin' eyes.

Und as the sacred Schripture says,
Vot Got unites togedder,
Let no man asunder put,
Let no man dare tem sever;
Dare! pritekroom, now schoost you shtop,
I'll hold tight fasht your collar,
Unteel you answer me dis ting,
Und dat's—*care ish mine tollar?*

"HURRICANE SHOALS."

Mr. H. H. Bartlett, formerly of this town, in the course of a recent Southern trip visited the new settlement of "Hurricane Shoals," in the town of Spartanburg, S. C., where the "English Manufacturing Co." is located, and in a letter to the Holyoke Transcript writes as follows of the enterprise:—

"After partaking of an early dinner we mounted our horses and after a tiresome ride of seven long miles we beheld the "new enterprise." It is situated in a gully, between large and steep hills. Upon inquiry we found a Mr. Clark of Palmer, who is managing agent for the company, and who was very glad to see us. We rode over and examined by searching and by enquiries the would-be city, and after a toilsome journey under a hot sun returned to the hotel. We sum up the enterprise as follows: Spartanburg Shoals are seven miles from the railroad depot, but there is to be a depot, if all promises are kept, but one half mile away, when the distance will be short, but this road is over large and steep hills. There is one new saw-mill about 90x40 nearly completed, which is running at its full capacity and can saw but about 1200 feet of lumber per day. I counted eight logs in the river, from which I conclude they are to build their mill and 200 houses this Spring, (so they say). Mr. Clark is building a new house to cost when done $450, which is more than all the other buildings are worth. There is one log cabin; one barn 12x18; five one-story houses about 10x12; one house still smaller; one house 20x30; one stone chimney and one brick chimney; and the log dam across the noble river. The dam has a surface width of about 140 feet, and the water has 12 feet fall. The river is about 225 feet wide. I should set the entire value of dam and buildings at $4000, although they might possibly be worth $4200. The population both white and black is from 35 to 40. All get their drinking water from one well, unless they choose to drink the muddy water of the river. The company have 3010 acres of land. I did not see one square rod of level land, yet they claim to have several acres a half-mile farther east, but to get to it one must go three-fourths of a mile, and across a bridge but ten feet wide. Land in this vicinity is held at two dollars per acre, but better land can be bought in Georgia for 25 cents an acre. The soil is from two to three inches deep, and is not as good as the land on "Granby Plains." The people here do their cooking by the fire-places. I was told there was but one stove in the place. All laborers and operatives that have come here thus far have been obliged to go to work on plantations or return home. Good laborers get from $60 to $80 a year, and there are more laborers than there is work for them to do. The food consists of bacon and corn-dodger. As yet there is no canal or race-way, and a prominent manufacturer told me it would cost at least $20,000 to put in a canal and race-way for one mill. * * * * In closing I would advise parties who *will* go to Spartanburg to be sure to take money enough with them to get back home again, if they have a home."

GRAVES OF THE PRESIDENTS.—The remains of three of the ex-presidents rest in Tennessee—Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. Five—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Tyler—in Virginia. Two—John Adams and John Quincy Adams—in Massachusetts. Two—Van Buren and Fillmore—in New York; William Henry Harrison in Ohio, Zachary Taylor in Kentucky, Pierce in New Hampshire, Buchanan in Pennsylvania, and Abraham Lincoln in Illinois. In all we have eighteen presidential terms of four years each, of whom only the present incumbent survives.

No man can tell another's feelings. A stalwart Irish laborer was one day begging from a gentleman, who requested a medical man present to examine the said labarer. The laborer had enforced his plea with "Yer honner, I can't work." "I can find nothing the matter with you to prevent you from working, my man," said the doctor. "Ah, that's thrue for ye," replied Pat; "but then yer honner can't tell how lazy I am."

A lumberman in Michigan, being poorly provided with materials of sustenance for his men, fed them with pork cooked with the rind upon it. A young man of the company, not liking that outer portion of the food, was observed by the host to be carfully removing the outside covering, whereupon the latter said: "Young man, we eat rind and all here." To which the youth replied, "All right, old man; I'm cutting it off for you."

"No, Mrs. Henry, no!" said John, in a tone of solemn warning. "Look at Mrs. Belknap. She wanted a new dress, too; and see where she is now! Stick to your calico, Mrs. Henry, and avoid the insidious voice of the tempter."

"Why do you show favor to your enemies instead of destroying them?" said a chieftain to the Emperor Sigismund. "Do I not destroy my enemies by making them my friends?" was the Emperor's noble reply.

Washington Irving once alluded to a pompous person as "a great man, and, in his own estimation, a man of great weight. When he goes to the West he thinks the East tips up."

Good taste is the flower of good sense.

ADVICE vs. CASH.

The other morning, when a raw-boned stranger was pacing up Broadway, he was accosted by a chronic old beggar, who whined out:—

"I've been sick for twenty-two years!"

"Woosh! but that's tough!" replied the stranger, as he came to a halt. "What seems to be the leading complaint?"

"Fever-sore, sir."

"Fever-sore! Why you've just struck my family. My late wife had a fever-sore for eleven straight years."

"And I want a little money to buy medicine," said the beggar.

"No use in doctoring," replied the stranger. "We doctored Sarah Ann and doctored and doctored, and we just threw money away. I spent over $3000 trying to cure that fever-sore, and she died on me just at harvest time, when I was in the wust muss in the world."

"Only five cents, sir," urged the beggar.

"Five cents is nothing. It isn't the money I care for; it's holding out false hopes to you. I tell you that you can't be cured, and you'd better stop feeing doctors. What you want is rest. Go out and buy a nice country residence, stock it with nice things, buy you a span of spanking good horses, and take comfort while you can, for you are just as sure to turn up your toes on account of that leg as you are sure you see me! Don't fool away any more money. I had one in my family, and I know what I'm talking about!"

OUT-DOOR EXERCISE FOR MOTHERS.

Consider it your religious duty to take out-door exercise, without fail, each day. Sweeping and trotting around the house will not take its place; the exhilaration of the open air and change of scene are absolutely necessary. O, I know all about "Lucy's gown that is not finished," and "Tommy's jacket," and even "his" coat, his buttonless coat, thrown in your lap, as if to add the last ounce to the camel's back; still I say, up and out! Is it not more important that your children, in their tender years, should not be left motherless, and that they should not be born to that feeble constitution of body which will blight every blessing? Let buttons and strings go; you will take hold of them with more vigor and patience when you do return bright and refreshed; and if every stitch be not finished at just such a moment (and it is discouraging not to be able to systematize in your labor, even with your best efforts), still remember that "she who hath done what she could" is entitled to no mean praise. Your husband is undoubtedly "the best of men," though there are some malicious people who might say that that is not saying much for him! Still, he would never to the end of time, dream what you were dying of; so accept my advice, and take the matter in hand yourself.—*Fanny Fern.*

The other night a seedy, care-worn individual seated himself on a horse-block, and burying his face in his red hands moaned: "Money air tight—m-i-g-h-t-y tight. Dogged ef money hain't been tight right along fur nigh onto three years. She's makin' a mernoperly of the business, shore. Now, ef I could ketch up with money I'd go on a tight with her, but, as Spokshire says, 'Aye, thare's the rubification.' The difference between me and money air these: when I get tight they lock me up—when they lock money up she gets tight."

"Ah! Mrs. Dasher," said gushing Mrs. Simpleton during her morning call; "how delightfully that bouquet of violets and roses perfumes your parlors." "Do you really notice it!" replied the widow, with a smile of ill-concealed triumph. "Why, they're only artificial, my dear Mrs. Simpleton." That evening when Simpleton came home he found his wife confined to her bed with a high fever, and no supper ready.

A Judge in Monmouth County, New Jersey, once cautioned an old negro who had been acquitted, not to be found in bad company again. "Much 'bliged to yo' Marsa," he replied. "I allus 'speet your advise; but the fact am, Marsa, dat good company and bad company look so much alike dat dis niggah can't tell de difference until he git right in 'em!"

There is a watch in a Swiss museum only three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, inserted in the top of a pencil case. Its little dial indicates not only hours, minutes and seconds, but also days of the months. It is a relic of old times, when watches were inserted in saddles, snuff boxes, shirt studs, breastpins, brooches and finger rings.

He had a very promising boil between the shoulder blades, and his wife, who was young and beautiful, and could play on the harp, but hadn't nursed much in the hospitals, put a mustard plaster on it. The lawyer subsequently explained to him that they didn't grant divorces for such causes.

In India, in 1869, one tigress was reported to have killed 127 people, and stopped a public road for many weeks. In another case in the central provinces a single tigress caused the desertion of thirteen villages, and 250 square miles of country were thrown out of cultivation.

"Mrs. Spinks," observed a boarder to his landlady, "the equal adjustment of this establishment could be more safely secured if there were less hair in the hash and more in the mattresses."

"Can you see me, dearest?" said a Chicago man to his dying wife. "Tell me, can you see me?" "No," she faintly whispered, "but I can smell your breath."

Mrs. Partington is collecting autocrats, and will be grateful for any specimens of handwriting of extinguished characters.

Sunday school teacher—"Ida, what must a man do in order to be forgiven?" Ida—"He must sin."

It is wise and well to look on the cloud of sorrow as though we expected it to turn into a rainbow.

Grief subdues and makes silent, but vexation excites and creates noise.

There is nothing so fatal to comfort as well as to decorum as Fuss.

An acre of performance is worth a world of promise.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1876.

Our Legislature is devoting a good share of its time to investigations, yet it hopes to get through in season to be at the Centennial exhibition. It is further along with business than recent Legislatures have been at this time of the year, but there is always some heavy log-rolling to be done, and a good many things to fix up at the close which take time and prolong the session.

The special salary committee of the Senate does not agree with the salary committee of the House in fixing the pay of State officers. The Senate committee have taken a more practical view of the case, and grade the salaries according to the quality and the amount of work to be performed. There will be a tussle over this question, and very likely between the two committees both recommendations will be lost.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the Enforcement Act, which was designed to insure to the negroes the rights accorded them in the constitutional amendments, and particularly the right of voting, is unconstitutional. Congress has a right to enforce the provisions of the constitution, and can pass a new law if necessary, but this one went a little too far and interfered with the rights of the States.

Connecticut holds its annual election next Monday. The canvass is quiet, but the Republicans hope to carry the State. Hereafter Connecticut will hold her State elections biennially in November, and the Legislature will have winter sessions. As the new constitutional arrangement begins with November of the present year, the Governor to be chosen next Monday will only have about eight months' tenure of office, as his successor will be inaugurated in January next.

Women are long-suffering and patient to bear year after year the rebuffs they get from our Legislatures. This year the Senate rejected a proposition giving women suffrage in municipal elections, because it was believed that the Legislature had no right to do it, but it passed a resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution, whereby they could enjoy the elective franchise. This resolve the House killed by a vote of 127 to 77. It seems to be hard work to conquer old prejudices here in Massachusetts, and hardest of all for the women to convince the average legislator that his old prejudices should give way to an enlightened understanding.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of California is of great interest and considerable importance, if it is to be taken as a precedent in other States. The State Constitution requires the taxation of all property, which, according to the Political Code, includes "evidences of debt and things in action," but the Court decided, with but one dissenting voice, that the taxation of mortgages and other evidences of debt was unconstitutional, holding that if mortgages are taxable, then all debts, solvent or not solvent, are also taxable, which would be a gross absurdity. In this State efforts are made at nearly every session of the Legislature to relieve mortgages from taxation, but so far without avail. It may be that in the light of this decision our courts would do for the mortgage holders what the Legislature refuses to do.

Winslow isn't extradited yet, and it is possible he may after all slip through the net in which he was caught, as Great Britain, before giving him up, wants Uncle Sam to promise not to try him for any crime but the one for which he is there held. In the case of C. L. Lawrence, a large silk smuggler who was extradited from England charged with forgery, it was found that the charge wouldn't hold water, and he was accordingly tried and has just been convicted at New York for smuggling, the case being pushed by District Attorney Bliss in spite of instructions from the Government not to proceed with any other indictment than that for forgery. Of course Great Britain will not give up criminals on one charge to be tried for crimes not included in the treaty of extradition, and seeing the result of the Lawrence case she may conclude not to return Winslow unless we give the desired assurances.

Asahel Hathaway of Taunton returned home unexpectedly the other evening, and found one Munsey occupying his bed with Mrs. Hathaway. Munsey was severely pounded by the injured husband, and the wife ran to a bureau and swallowed a dose of laudanum, but a stomach pump saved her life. Munsey was arrested.

R. H. Smith, editor of the Waterbury, Ct., American, was on Saturday last fined $75 for contempt of court, he having written and caused to be published an editorial which the court thought calculated to injure its dignity. He refused to pay, and was taken to jail at New Haven, but afterwards repented and paid up.

Columbus, Ga., claims the position of the Lowell of the South, now running 35,000 spindles, 1000 looms, and many iron and other industrial enterprises. The city was destroyed in 1865, and all these have been replaced since with Southern money.

They have been having mysterious music in the air at North Chili, N. Y., which has been found to proceed from a sawmill ten miles off, the humming vibrations of the air being distinctly noticed with a favorable wind.

The receiving teller of the Fulton Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., has disappeared, and with him a sum of money variously stated at from $25,000 to $50,000.

ANOTHER FLOOD.

A Great Storm all over the Country!—Mills, Dams, Houses and Property of all Kinds Swept Away!—Many Lives Lost!—Mill River Over Again!—A Memorable March Deluge!

Since the memorable flood of 1869 there has been no such disastrous storm in the eastern states as that of last Saturday, which was especially destructive in the eastern part of this State, and in Connecticut and Rhode Island. The streams were already swollen from the storm of the week previous, and the extraordinary fall of rain Saturday and Saturday night, amounting in some sections to 4.06 inches, brought the streams rapidly over their banks, and the rushing waters swept away dams and other property, causing an immense amount of damage, estimated at more than $1,000,000 in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, while several lives also have been lost.

In this part of the State comparatively little damage was done. The Broad Brook canal in Ludlow gave way on the farm of Zuri Whitney, and the water followed the road running from Belchertown to Wilbraham for 120 rods, washing it considerably, though the damage is not great. At Collins Depot there were fears a while for the dam, the water washing savagely around one of the abutments on Monday, but by the felling of trees the danger was finally overcome. At Clinton the Mill River disaster was called vividly to mind by the giving away, Sunday afternoon, of the Mossy pond dam, covering 200 acres. A tannery, soap works, comb works, and several houses were carried away, and two persons drowned. Fullerville, a little settlement about the size of Skinnerville, was as thoroughly obliterated. The loss in that vicinity will exceed half a million. Eleven dams in Worcester county were carried away. Several of the railroads suffered considerably from wash-outs, and there were a number of land-slides on the Boston & Albany road.

In the vicinity of Norwich, Conn., the loss is estimated at $350,000. Three dams and six or more bridges were carried away, several mills more or less damaged, and seven lives lost.

Clear River, in Rhode Island, swept away dams generally, with much mill property at Burrillville, involving an estimated loss of $200,000.

The steamship Great Western, from the Mediterranean for New York, went ashore on Long Island, Saturday night, and is a total wreck. The vessel and cargo were valued at $460,000; insured. A brig went ashore near Portsmouth, N. H., and all the crew exceptng the mate perished. A schooner went to pieces on an island near Old Orchard beach, and the captain and his wife were lost. It was a hard time along the coast, and many small vessels were wrecked. The value of the signal service was forcibly demonstrated at Thatcher's Island, off Cape Ann, where a fleet of several hundred vessels were warned of approaching danger in time to put out to sea or seek safety in a harbor.

On Wednesday evening the city of Worcester was startled by the report that the dam at the Leicester reservoir, which supplies the city with water, showed signs of giving away. It seems that for several years there has been a small leak in the dam, which, since the late high water has been increasing until it reached threatening proportions. The hydrants in the city were opened Wednesday night to relieve the pressure on the dam, a large force of men worked strenuously to stop the leak with trees, bales of hay, &c, but only succeeded in delaying the catastrophe. About 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon a little rill came trickling through the earth of the dam, which grew larger and larger every second, and in a few moments the pent-up waters burst through the wall with a crash, and rushed down the narrow valley, a solid mass 100 feet wide and 20 or 30 feet high. Ample warning had been given, and no lives were lost, but several houses and half a dozen mills were swept away, about a mile of the Boston & Albany railroad washed out east of Rochdale, and the southern part of Worcester flooded. The worst feature of the flood is the wiping out of Worcester's water supply. The old "Bell pond," her former scant source of supply, will furnish a little water, together with the old canal, for partial protection against fires. The Leicester reservoir was built in 1863, and in 1870-1 was rebuilt and enlarged, to hold 775,572,000 gallons. The dam was considered very substantial, but since the Mill River flood doubts of its safety have been felt and expressed, and it seems incredible that the leak should have been allowed to continue unchecked until the inevitable disaster came. Through trains on the Boston and Albany road go around by the Ware River and Barre and Gardner roads for a day or two until the break can be repaired, but an accommodation train from Springfield will be run as far as Rochdale three times a day.

Wight's four story brick block on Taylor street, Springfield, was burned Tuesday night, and the upper story of his Main street block was also damaged, the total loss footing up $85,000, nearly covered by insurance.

An empty car attached to a freight train on the Old Colony road, jumped the track near Taunton, the other day, and was instantly followed by 34 others, which were smashed into kindling wood on either side of the track.

George Miles, the alleged robber of the Barre, Vt., bank, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Windsor, Vt., jail, last week Friday night, and on Saturday was taken to the Montpelier jail.

A hunter shot a wild turkey near Nashville, the other day, and when he went to pick it up, found lying near it a half decayed pair of saddle-bags in which were $36,000 in gold and bonds.

On account of the hard times the seniors of the Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Ga., have resolved to graduate in calico dresses.

At an auction room in Boston, last week, an old brass knocker was knocked down for twenty-two dollars. Hard times!

The famous stallion Hambletonian died at Chester, N. Y., Sunday night, aged about twenty-eight years.

A single vessel left Mobile a few days ago en route to Liverpool with 6,237 bales of cotton worth $411,405.

Look out for dangerous counterfeit $5 notes on the Merchant's National Bank of New Bedford.

The Consolidated Virginia mine yielded the unprecedented sum of $2,800,000 in February.

There is at present a large exodus of negroes from Tennessee, Kansas being the happy land.

Three cabinet ministers were spelled down at a recent spelling match in England.

Governor Ames of Mississippi has escaped impeachment by resigning.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

April showers and "April fools."

The singing of the birds betokens the early approach of Spring.

A. H. Willis has improved his store with a new floor, new paint, &c.

If you happen to be the victim of a practical joke to-day, "grin and bear it."

The Congregational Sabbath Schools in this village and Thorndike have exchanged libraries.

John Chalk drew a market basket well filled with groceries at the gift show Thursday evening.

Miss Fernald, of Worcester, spoke on Temperance Work, in the Baptist vestry last Sunday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Society will be held in the vestry of their church next Monday evening.

Another praise meeting and sermon Sunday evening, at the 2d Cong. church, in place of afternoon service.

Mr. Geo. Robinson occupied the desk at Union Hall last Sunday, in the absence of the expected preacher.

There was a good smart thunder storm, the first of the season, in the small hours of Wednesday morning.

Rev. A. H. Ball, a brother of Mrs. Fullerton, has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Windsor, Vt.

Enos Calkins of this village and J. M. Merrick and W. P. Spellman of Wilbraham have been re-appointed justices of the peace.

An agency of the Domestic sewing machine is to be opened in the store just vacated by E. J. Wood, adjoining the Journal office.

John Rich has bought of P. P. Potter for $475, the vacant shop on School street, and is transforming it into a dwelling house.

Another case of small pox is reported at Collins' Depot, in the boarding house. The first one terminated fatally.

Mrs. Jennie Crawford will meet those who wish to join her class in music, at Mr. Willis' house, Tuesday next, between 12 M., and 2 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Fullerton delivered his lecture on "New England Characteristics" in the North Church at Springfield, on Wednesday evening.

"Constable" Williams has been presented with an appropriate badge of office, and patrols the streets with all the dignity of a field marshal.

Mr. Converse has taken out the inside stairway in the old Journal block, and is thoroughly renovating the lower story preparatory to its occupation by Mrs. Whitman.

The eclipse of the sun last Saturday was undoubtedly a fine thing, but the clouds were so thick that people didn't take much interest in it, and smoked glasses were at a discount.

Visions of a sanguinary encounter were conjured up in the minds of imaginative passers by on Thursday, when they saw a large pool of blood in the highway about half a mile west of the village; but it only marked the spot where an aged and infirm horse, weary of life and his burden, had fallen under his rider, and, not able to rise again, had been dispatched.

The children and youth are to have a fine musical treat next Monday evening, free, through the generosity of Mr. French, who gives the use of Wales Hall, lighted and warmed, and F. V. Streeter, agent of the Estey organ, who gives his services. Mr. Streeter will be assisted by G. H. Southland and J. G. Wilson of Springfield. All who have "Gospel Songs" are requested to bring them and join in singing pieces selected for the occasion.

As the result of Saturday's storm, the highways around town will need considerable smoothing over in places, though happily no serious damage was done. There was quite a large washout in the road near Royal Bufinton's, and a road over Silver Street way was obstructed by a land slide. The road between John Warner's and the bridge over the river, has been flooded all the week, and has been impassable a portion of the time, necessitating a detour of a couple of miles.

A meeting of ladies interested in the cause of temperance was called at the Congregational vestry last Monday afternoon, to be addressed by Miss Fernald, with the object of organizing a ladies' temperance society. It was "washing day," and probably it's hardly fair, on that account, to measure the interest of the fair sex in the cause by the attendance, but it was a discouraging fact that but three ladies were present beside the speaker—hardly enough to officer a society—so it was not organized.

John Murphy of Monson gave an interesting lecture at Feeney's hall last week Friday evening, on "The Statesman and Schoolmaster in every land." The lecturer understood his subject well, and his audience greeted with applause his anecdotes of noted men in this and foreign countries. He endeavored to impress upon his hearers the fact that every nation owed its success to the schoolmaster, and many countries would be free and independent to-day had they the advantage of free schools like those of America.

Whitney & Adams of Springfield have just got up a convenient thing for every householder, in the shape of a card with tables for ascertaining the number of rolls of paper required for a room. All one has to do is to ascertain the length of two sides of a room with the height of the ceiling, and a glance at the table gives the number of rolls necessary to cover the walls, thus saving a deal of "figgerin'." They are to be had for the asking, at their "Old Corner Bookstore," where they have a choice assortment of paper hangings of all grades, fresco decorations, &c., as will be seen from their announcement in another column.

Horace Kimball, brakeman and baggage master on Sander's train on the New London Nothern railroad, was before the district court last Saturdy charged with appropriating wood and tools belonging to the road. He does not deny taking the wood, but asserts that it was knotty chunks and the like which could not be used in the car stoves, and that it is customary for the road hands to take such rejected pieces. The tools he says were only borrowed to work up the wood with. His trial was postponed until to-day, he being put under $500 bonds in the meantime. He has been employed on the road for the past ten or fifteen years.

A fellow named William Arnold, alias Jacob Johnson, engaged board and rooms for himself and "wife" at Mrs. Nelson's last Friday, and after dinner went out for a drive, engaging a team at Bigelow's Nassowanno stable to go to Wilbraham. Mr. Bigelow, who had been to Springfield, met the couple between Wilbraham and that city in the afternoon and recognized his team, but of course thought it was all right. The team did not return at night however, and his suspicions being aroused he started in pursuit and had the chap arrested just as he was leaving Springfield on the cars for Hartford the next day noon. The couple had stabled the team and lodged at a hotel over night, and the next forenoon the girl went out and borrowed $2 to take them to Hartford. But the police ruthlessly spoiled their happy plans, and Jacob went into durance vile for a few days.

BONDVILLE.

The Bondville Methodists propose to celebrate the tenth anniversay of the organization of their church, next Monday evening. Varied religious and social exercises will occupy the evening.

WARREN.

John W. Tyler has sold his farm to Bartley Hinds.

The Congregationalists have chosen Geo. M. Newton clerk, J. F. Hitchcock treasurer, and W. Shepard, J. W. Chadsey and S. E. Blair prudential committee. The appropriations for the current year are $2800.

WEST WARREN.

The firemen have another social supper this evening.

There are 21 members in the new Calvin Cutter post of the Grand Army.

The Silver Spring Sons of Temperance have discontinued their meetings, owing to lack of interest and funds. They pay about 5 cents on a dollar.

BELCHERTOWN.

The property at the Lyman Walker place was sold on Tuesday.

The Belchertown Banner, published by the Methodist church, has made its appearance.

Harry Strong, who manufactures patent "sick beds," is in Canada disposing of some of them.

Mr. Bacon, late of the Belcher House, is going back again to his farm in Brookfield.

The excitement over mad dogs is on the decline, those who were bitten showing no evidence of hydrophobia as yet. But the dogs are kept muzzled, a reward being offered for every dead one not muzzled.

THREE RIVERS.

There will be considerable building this Spring.

The Liberty Jenks farm was sold at auction on Wednesday to R. Sikes of Palmer, for $3495.

Saturday night's rain was too much for the lamplighters and the streets were in darkness.

The high water, and the caving in of a portion of the canal wall, has obliged the mills to shut down for a few days.

J. G. Merriam has a fac-simile of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1800, containing an account of the funeral obsequies of Gen. Washington. He also has an ancient clock and desk, which he offers for sale.

WILBRAHAM.

Nelson Mowry's house is adorned with a fresh coat of paint.

Sarah C. West has sold for $1800 a portion of the Ira Leach estate, to S. W. Leach.

Walter Maynard has bought of E. Brown a lot of land with buildings, on the "Hollow road," for $1000.

The Club society during the vacation have put into their hall a $425 Estey organ, a $37 chandelier, and $50 worth of window curtains.

His creditors would like to see J. P. Brown, who recently sold his place for $1800 and then departed in the night, omitting to liquidate his debts of $500.

William Colgrove, who recently disappeared suddenly, is thought to have gone to the Black Hills. A purse has been presented to his deserted and destitute family.

MONSON.

G. H. Newton has been reappointed a Notary Public.

The matter to be decided next Monday, is whether the town will have one selectman or three.

H. W. Gough & Co., stove and tin smiths, have sold out their business to David S. Fortune of Holyoke.

The Summer term of the Academy commenced last Wednesday, with about the usual number of pupils.

Holmes & Ellis have shut down their mills for the present, on account of the hard times. D. W. Ellis is running on three-quarters time.

Mrs. E. P. Newton has two calla lilies, one of which has two blossoms and the other three—the latter has been in her possesion for the last 20 years.

Owing to previous engagement of Green's Hall and the occupancy of the M. E. church every evening, the Friday evening caucus this week was held in Academy Hall, and from those halls of learning it is probable wise men will be nominated for town officials the ensuing year.

At the annual meeting of the First Parish Monday, Timothy F. Packard was chosen moderator, John M. Phipps treasurer, C. H. McMaster clerk, C. H. Merrick, C. W. Holmes, Jr., and T. F. Packard, parish committee. On motion of Dr. A. Smith it was voted to paint the church, and Dea. R. Homer, S. F. Cushman and Charles Fowler were chosen a committee for that purpose. It was voted to raise $200 for singing and music. Also the same salary as last year for the pastor.

On Tuesday evening a selectman was called upon by a couple of residents of South Monson, (who reside near the volcano) who represented that a challenge had been given; that they feared for their lives and wished the authorities of the town to interfere. The "Elder" or his son had dared them to come over the mountain, &c., &c. Wednesday the "Elder" comes to the Centre, and complains that last Sunday while going to a neighbor's for the "Banner of Light" he was confronted by two persons and had to go out of his way.—What the upshot of the matter will be, no one can determine, as both parties seem determined to raise a breeze instead of trying to settle the difficulties; and if the neighbors would try and make peace between the parties it would be much better than to stir up strife or take sides with either. The bill of fare seems to be "Green *Pease* and *Rice* pudding" and both too hot to be palatable.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

H. M. Sessions has been chosen delegate to the Methodist lay electoral convention, with A. B. Newell as alternate.

Samuel and George E. Capen of Belchertown have leased the old Beebe farm for one year, taking possession April 1st.

The Scantic mill, owned by J. W. Leonard, and which was the first mill to stop, has been leased to parties in Worcester for the manufacture of shoddy satinets. It is expected to start up next week. Shoddy is better than nothing these hard times, and any "moving among the dry bones" showing signs of life is looked upon as showing better times ahead.

The Republican caucus, held Monday last, seemed to be composed of different material than usual. The old stereotyped candidates are all thrown overboard and a new deal made. Even M. F. Beebe, the present chairman of the board of selectmen, who has run the town faithfully, has been sacrificed, that some of the other hangers-on to the crib might be slaughtered, and all seem to respond, Amen. Mr. Beebe should be left on another year.

This village has been considerably stirred up by the cry of "mad dog," and not without cause. A large shaggy black dog made his appearance in the yard of Geo. Walker, had a fight with his dog, and then came direct to the village, two miles, passed through the entire village, bit Warren Stimson's dog, next bit Willie Crocker, made a call at Mortimer Pease's, where he had a fight with Mr. Pease's dog, and also bit Mr. Spaulding's and Mr. Bartlett's dogs. He was next seen in Somers, where other dogs and a lot of sheep were bitten. Some think there is no danger, while others are much alarmed. Mr. Walker and Mr. Bartlett have killed their dogs, not wishing to take any risks in the matter. The other bitten dogs are at large. Report says Mr. Stanton, our selectman, has the safety of the village under consideration, and will report on the duties and liabilities of the town soon after the annual town meeting next Monday.

WARE AND VICINITY.

A horse belonging to G. V. Jacobs fell dead on Church street last week.

The annual rental of the pews of the East Cong. society resulted in $1223 in premiums, or $440 less than last year.

The Gilbert Mfg. Co. stopped their mills two days this week, both at Ware and Gilbertville, on account of the high water.

O. F. McMahon will soon re-open the shop lately occupied by E. R. Foster, where he will have for sale cigars, tobacco, confectionary, etc.

The directors of the Ware National Bank held their semi-annual meeting last Tuesday and declared a dividend of 4 per cent., payable April 1st.

The yearly examinations for entrance to the high school took place Tuesday, and this (Saturday) afternoon a second opportunity will be given to all who may wish to avail themselves of it.

The revival meetings at the Center, which have been held during the past week, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Reed of Thorndike and W. E. Lewis, have been the means of awakening considerable interest.

James Harrison was bound over in $700 bonds last Monday, for breaking and entering Mrs. S. J. Wetherell's house, in default of which he went to Northampton to await the action of the Superior Court in June.

At the annual meeting of the East Cong. Parish last Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Sandford Snow; Clerk, G. K. Cutler; Treasurer, Otis Lane; Prudential Committee, J. H. Storrs, C. D. Gilbert, and E. Blood. The receipts from premiums the past year were $1673, from rents $1268.33, total $2941.33—$147.67 less than the receipts for '74. $198.50 was collected from other sources. The expenditures were $2954.28, the principal items of which were $2000 for minister's salary, and $350 for music. The debt of the Parish is $314.45.

GILBERTVILLE.

On Thursday evening last, the Gilbertville Literary Society presented the drama entitled "Enlisted for the War," concluding with a farce, "An Ugly Customer."

Thomas Gleason has opened a harness shop in Webb's block, Main street.

The Reform Club hold their annual meeting for the election of officers in the Methodist vestry, next Monday evening.

The Rev. Mr Lyon discourses next Sunday evening on "How should we deal with sin and sinners?"

THE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL TROUBLES.

The Legislative Committee on Public Charitable Institutions have given several days' hearing the past week to complaints made against the State Primary School at Monson, and the Superintendent was heard in reply, having ex-Governor Gaston as counsel.

Mr. Gilbert of Ware, chairman of the board of Inspectors, stated that there was a disagreement between that Board and the Superintendent of the Institution; that it was difficult for them to get proper information from the Superintendent relative to the affairs of the Institution, and what information he did give them was in a discourteous manner; that he had made a change in the office of Assistant Superintendent without consulting the Board, and that this was a sample of the manner the Inspectors had been treated by Superintendent Wakefield. The rules required that all appointments should receive the concurrence of the Inspectors. He did not think the children were properly clothed, or that their health was properly cared for in other respects. The rules of the Institution were framed by the Superintendent and the Inspectors, and could not be changed without the approval of the Superintendent, hence the Inspectors had less authority than in other State Institutions. He thought the children fairly fed, though he thought it would be better to have three meals on Sunday instead of two. There is no burial service over those who die, but the bodies are taken to the dead-house and from there buried by the employes. He gave some figures relating to the death rate at the Institution, but was unprepared to say whether any had died for want of proper medical attendance. He did not think the Superintendent was the best man that could be selected to give medical care.

Dr. Wakefield, the Superintendent of the Institution, wanted written charges presented, and also an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses by counsel, and was told that he would have ample opportunity.

Dr. S. D. Brooks, one of the Inspectors, said that Dr. Wakefield ignored the Board so as to make their duties merely nominal. He was often absent at the time the Inspectors visited the Hospital, and paid no attention to the orders of the Board. Dr. Wakefield employed his sister as clerk at $500 salary. The Board declined to confirm her at that salary, as there were only a few days of clerical service necessary each month. Dr. Wakefield continued her and paid her. It was also found that the money to pay bills early in the month was not expended until the end of the month. Complaints were made that bills were not paid promptly, and it was found that he deposited the money with his own in the bank, where it drew three per cent., and he told the Inspectors when questioned about it, substantially, that it was none of their business. He did not think the practice of making the children take off their shoes and stockings in the bath room, and then attend services in the chapel before they go to bed, was good for their health. The excuse for this practice was that it prevented the children from running away. He did not think the clothing or diet of the children was what it should be, and their clothing was not changed as it should be. There were ten of the salaried officers of the institution that were relatives of Dr. Wakefield or his wife, and several children of his relatives had been supported at the institution. The medical treatment was open to a good deal of criticism. In cases of measles they were given stimulants, when modern practice would reduce the bodily temperature. Those that died showed the symptoms that followed improper treatment.

Dr. Brooks was questioned at some length by the Committee upon the character of the food furnished at the school, and indicated that the boys should be supplied with butter or more fatty substance in their food. His impression was that punishment had been judiciously administered.

Dr. Woods of the Committee spoke of an instance of which he had heard while at the institution where a boy had been flogged so that the blood ran down into his boots, and Dr. Brooks said it was not improbable that punishment might be indiscreetly administered by a subordinate officer. He had seen a cat-o'-nine tails in the institution two years ago, before he was connected with the institution, but saw it only lightly used, such as to tap the boys to hurry them up.

In response to queries of the Committee in regard to the medical department of the school, he thought that usually there was not a sufficient supply of medicines kept there, and the treatment given was not that used by modern practice. Out of the eighty or a hundred cases of measles which occurred the past year, there were twenty-four deaths in thirty days. He left the inference that better care and medical attendance would have mitigated the severity of the disease. He was questioned at some length relative to what he considered to be the powers and duties of the Inspectors, and said that Dr. Wakefield gave them to understand that there was not much for them to do.

The by-laws of the Institution were framed by the Inspectors and Superintendent, and a clause provided that they could not be changed without the consent of the Superintendent, and the approval of the Governor and Council. Dr. Wakefield had paid the utmost disrespect to all the suggestions made by the Board. A large number of the employes were from a little town in Vermont, from which Mrs. Wakefield came, and they were said to be her relatives, though he could not from his own knowledge say that they were.

The general material aspects of the buildings were in good condition, but he thought there was a great chance for improvement in the internal management of the institution.

During the cross-examination he stated that the food that was furnished was well cooked; had known of measles in other public institutions, but did not know that 24 out of 55 cases of measles in the Tewksbury almshouse resulted fatally. He related several instances in which proper care and medical attendance had not been rendered by Dr. Wakefield.—He had been away from home to attend an agricultural meeting when there were several serious cases of scarlet fever in the institution.

Mr. Gilbert was questioned relative to the burial of the children, which was done without religious ceremony. He did not regard Dr. Wakefield as a proper man to have charge of the children, and said that his interest was in the farm rather than in the management of the institution. On the 29th of January the Inspectors passed a vote requiring the Superintendent to have burial service performed by the Chaplain when the children died, but this vote had not been complied with, at least he had been so informed by the Assistant Superintendent. About two years ago they found there were five nephews and nieces boarded in the institution, of whom at least three remain there at the present time, and no payment is made to the State for their board.

On Tuesday last ex-Gov. Gaston introduced testimony in behalf of Dr. Wakefield.

The Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., formerly State Treasurer, had known Dr. Wakefield for forty years, and testified to his good character and reputation as a man and physician, and the general good management of the Monson school as it came under his observation as a member of the Executive Council, and also as State Treasurer. Had no means of knowing when Dr. Wakefield disbursed the money he drew from the State.

Surgeon-General Dale testified to the good professional character of Dr. Wakefield as a physician.

The Hon. Moses Kimball, who has been a member of the Board of Charities since 1868, testified that from that date judicious improvements had been made by Dr. Wakefield, and that the institution was now in a creditable condition. He thought the children might need a more nourishing diet.

Dr. Holbrook of Palmer, who has been a practicing physician since 1848, and has served in several medical positions during the prevalence of the measles, did not think any of the children died solely from that cause, but from other diseases that followed. He advised Dr. Wakefield relative to the treatment of the cases. In reply to a question as to Dr. Wakefield's present medical standing he did not know how well Dr. Wakefield kept posted on modern practice. He had heard that Dr. Wakefield neglected his patients; serious complaints had been made, but had no knowledge as to their truth. He thought the relations of Dr. Wakefield to the boys were pleasant, and never heard of any improper punishment until he saw the statements in the papers. There had been constant improvement in the institution under Dr. Wakefield's management. In the cross-examination the witness stated that he received his appointment as consulting physician about fifteen years ago. Mr. Gilbert of the Board stated that he had not before known that the witness was consulting physician.

The Rev. Charles F. Foster, formerly Assistant Superintendent of the Institution, expressed dissent from the general management of the institution; had heard Dr. Wakefield himself state that he had not an aptness to care for the children; his manner towards them was not gentle, but at times quite harsh; he punished the girls by pulling them around by the hair. His relations to Dr. Wakefield were not cordial during the last part of his stay there, and he interfered with the discipline of the school. He thought that the boys had sufficient food, but that they should have more animal food. Some eight or ten of the subordinates have the power to punish without the cognizance of the Superintendent. Dr. Wakefield was often absent without making proper provision for the sick.

On Thursday the Superintendent continued his defense. Gov. Gaston introduced a letter from Ex-Gov. Bullock commending the Superintendent for his ability and intelligence. M. W. French of Palmer, S. C. Wrightington, general agent, Col. Tufts, visiting agent, and C. L. Gardner of Palmer, were called and testified in favor of the Superintendent.

The committee finally decided to go no further, but to refer the whole matter to the Governor and council, who have authority in the matter.

According to a German authority, human labor costs, on an average, ninety times, electricity seventy times, and horse power ten times, as much as steam power.

The peculiar bent of the German mind is shown by the fact that out of the 12,516 books published in Germany in 1875, only 900 were devoted to fiction and the drama.

A bolt of lightning struk a tree in front of a Chicago alderman's house the other night, and in his fright the alderman remarked: "Hold on, I'll restore the money."

It is estimated that there will be 30,000 people in the Black Hills by May 1st.

The assessors of Hartford joke Mark Twain to the extent of $30,000.

Wide awake farmers planted potatoes in Nantucket last week.

MUSICAL.—The Vineyard Gazette, Edgartown, Mass., of Friday, March 10th, gives the following notice:

The concert given in the Town Hall Thursday evening, by Mr. G. C. WHEELER, was a rare treat to all fortunate enough to be present. The hall was comfortably filled, and the audience included many of our local musical celebrities and critics. The burden and heat of the evening was borne by Mr. Wheeler's pupils, assisted by Miss Lillian Norton, a pupil of the New England Conservatory of Music, and soprano singer at Music Hall and Grace church, Boston, and Mr. Leonard Luce, a prominent bass soloist of Taunton. The pianos used were from the manufactory of Guild, Church & Co., Boston, very powerful, and elegant finish.

The first item in part first of the programme was a concert overture, "Il Trovatore," introducing two pianos in unison, by Miss Merry and Miss Calhoun and the Misses Sturtevant. The performance was excellent, and was followed by C. A. White's new waltz song, "When 'tis Moonlight," by Miss Gracie Monroe, which was loudly applauded. After an organ solo, Miss Norton sang "L' Arditi," which elicited a tremendous encore, followed with a piano solo, "Sunset Shadows" and "Remembrance Grand March," by T. P. Ryder, and Master Maurice Dunham closed with an organ solo, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

Part second opened with "Grand Triumphal March"—from Aida, by Misses Harding and Merry and the Misses Sturtevant. Mr. Luce then sang C. A. White's popular bass solo, "I've gathered them in," which was finely rendered, and for an encore gave "The Sea King." Mr. G. C. Wheeler then gave "The Sailor's Dream," a new composition by himself and companion piece to his "Sailor's Evening Song," and "Grand Marche de Concert," by Knukle, dedicated to and played by Miss Anna Mehlig, pianist with Theodore Thomas' orchestra. Both these pieces were executed in the brilliant manner which characterizes all of Mr. Wheeler's performances. Miss Norton appeared once more, this time singing Randegger's "Animo Lavita," in her inimitable manner, and being recalled sang "Queen of the Night," and retired amidst a perfect storm of applause. Miss Olive and Miss Lizzie Sturtevant closed the bill with Melnotte's "Carnival of Venice." A quartette sang "Away to the Fields," and the popular "Medley Quartette," both by C. A. White, which were well received.

All the instrumental (as well as vocal) pieces, without exception, were admirably executed, and worthy a more extended notice by some musical critic, and the whole affair passed off in a manner which must have been gratifying to the projector.

H. A. SHAW of Springfield is early in the field with Spring Boots and Shoes. He is one of the oldest dealers in the city, having been in the business for a quarter of a century. He offers reliable goods at low prices.

THE particular excellence of Renne's Pain Killing Magic Oil consists in the following merits: It is clean, safe, reliable, and delicious to use. It is not an oily, sticky substance. It has been before the public more than twenty years, and all who have tried it say, "It works like a charm." Reader, have you tried it?

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WE did not know that so great a stock of paper hangings, curtains, etc., were kept in Springfield by any one house till we had visited the great store of D. Warner's Sons & Co. In addition to the beautiful lines of wall paper and curtains, which gives them so great a reputation, they have a choice variety of table oil cloths, room and cornice mouldings. They keep a splendid stock of materials for making wax flowers and the very best of artists' materials. It is a pleasure to look over their patterns and designs. Such exquisite styles prevail this spring. Our readers who may intend to visit Springfield will find there something that will make their rooms look neat and beautiful. While there it may be well to remember that this firm has a large store on Market street, where they sell paints oils and glass, for house-painting and glazing, and are perhaps the largest dealers in the city. Their paper hanging warehouse is opposite Court Square. 3w52§

THE "People's Store"—Fay's new shoe store, 382 Main St., Springfield—the wants of the whole public can be supplied here. They are now opening their spring stock, and will, in order to meet the demands of the times, make their prices lower than ever. Those in want of boots and shoes, after having tried every other store, will do well to call at Fay's, and it is more than probable they will be suited.

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Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica Nervous and Kidney Diseases positively cured by DR. FITLER'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY. ALLEN & COWAN, sole agents for Palmer. 1y51-25

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BORN.

At Monson, 15th ult., a son to WILLARD DARLING.

At Worcester, 29th ult., a daughter to HERBERT L. SAVAGE.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 29th ult., by Rev. W. Gordon, GEORGE W. BURGEE of Palmer and SARAH J. WHITE of Belchertown.

At Ludlow, by Rev. T. Lyman, HENRY G. CULVER and ELLA E. BREWSTER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 27th ult., NANCY, 75, wife of Orson Stebbins, and mother of John P. Barnes.

At Monson, 24th ult., HENRY JAMES, infant son of Dr. George E. and Hattie Green Fuller.

At Brimfield, 13th ult., of diptheria, LUCINDA S., 7 years 10 months, daughter of Anson E. Barnes.

At Gilbertville, 28th ult., Dea. HIRAM TUCKER, 66.

At Stafford, Ct., 26th ult., WILLIAM R. JAMES, 48; 28th ult., FRANK R. MOSELEY, 2.

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I have a few nice driving and some good work Horses, which I offer for sale at reasonable prices.

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H. W. GOUGH & CO.

Monson, April 1, 1876. 2w1

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Paints, Oils,

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Palmer, April 1, 1876. 1tf

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AND A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF SMALL WARES.

New Store!

Complete Stock!

Special Prices!

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English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Almonds. New varieties of fresh Confectionery.

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Palmer, March 25, 1876. 52

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Just received the latest and nobbiest styles of Men's and Youth's BOOTS and SHOES to be found in the State, and at

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Our assortment of Window Shades,

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WILL BE FOUND COMPLETE.

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AT WHOLESALE PRICES!

We offer the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in the City,

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Wednesday and Thursday, April 5 and 6.

The Ladies should not fail to examine this stock before making their purchases.

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Work well done. ALL PRICES FAIR!

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Palmer, Dec. 3d, 1875. 36tf

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I can supply any in want of this delicious fruit with good, strong plants, well rooted, this spring, for $1.50 per dozen at my place, or by mail, free, for $2.00 per doz. Also, a few pounds of

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Palmer, Feb. 25th, 1876. J. K. KNOX. 49tf

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The prices at which these goods are offered will be found to sustain our well-established reputation as the

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Delphia Turner, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

FRANK L. DAVIS, Adm'r.

Wilbraham, March 14th, 1876. 3w52

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Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

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IT CURES JAUNDICE, LIVER COMPLAINT, KIDNEY TROUBLES, and many aches and pains of the weak and nervous of both sexes (for all have more or less of the nervous in their make-up). IT REGULATES the Stomach, Bowels and Nervous System. IT PURIFIES and enriches the blood.

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The residence of the late Elias Turner, 69 South Main street, Palmer Depot. For particulars inquire on the premises. 50tf

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Edward L. Stutson, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Enaphro A. Day, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

3w51 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

$12 a day at home. Agents wanted. Outfit and terms free. TRUE & CO., Augusta, Me. 51

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—OFFICE of COMPTROLLER of the CURRENCY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.

JNO. JAY KNOX,

No. 2324. 8w47 Comptroller of the Currency.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Fitzgerald, of Springfield, in said county, minor, greeting:

Whereas, Joseph Thompson, the guardian of said minor, has presented his petition for license to sell certain real estate therein specified of his said ward for investment, at private sale, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

3w51g SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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The Ascending Lord.—Acts 1: 1-12.

Commit to memory vss. 6—11. GOLDEN TEXT.—And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke xxiv. 51.

Verse 1. "*The former treatise.*" This was the Gospel according to St. Luke. That is before the Acts in time. The Gospels are also the groundwork of all subsequent church history. "All that Jesus began, etc." Here is a reference to the work of Jesus on earth as distinguished from his action after his ascension. While here he began the work which he afterwards carried through by the agency of the Apostles. "All that Jesus did and taught;" that is, all essential facts and doctrine.

Verse 2. "Until the day in which he was taken up." At that point the gospel history ends and that of the Acts of the Apostles begins. He "was taken up" by an act of God the Father. "Had given commandments." These, the last will of Jesus, the Apostles executed. Such commandments were jointly given also by the Spirit with whose power Jesus was anointed.

Verse 3. "Showed himself alive." They could not have been his witnesses had he not convinced them that he did live again after his passion, or suffering and death.

Verse 4. "Assembled together." The Lord wished them all to be present. "Commanded." The disciples would naturally have preferred to withdraw from Jerusalem where were those whom they dreaded. The "Father's promise" was that of the gift of the Spirit, through the prophets.

Verse 5. "Baptised with the Holy Ghost." This was to be the gift of the Spirit in abundant fullness.

Verse 6. Their question sprung from a belief in a kingdom of Israel to be founded on the Messiah and destined to great glory, greatness and dominion. They feel almost authorized to expect its speedy coming.

Verse 7. Knowledge of "times and seasons" is in the Father's power alone. Eager curiosity respecting these is directed to the practical duties of the present.

Verse 8. Here is indicated what is to be the theme of the book of Acts—The Apostolic Witness to Jesus everywhere in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Verse 9. The ascension was visible at first. Then a cloud intervened between the Apostles and their Lord. He no more belonged visibly to the earth.

Verse 10. The "two men" were doubtless angels.

Verse 11. Here is a gentle rebuke of a life of mere contemplation. There must be vigorous and zealous action. "Shall so come" is a promise of a visible return of Jesus to the earth. The interval between the ascension and the return is to be the period during which the history of the church shall run its course.

CURE FOR FRECKLES.

Grate horseradish fine; let it stand a few hours in buttermilk; then strain, and use the wash night and morning. Or squeeze the juice of a lemon into a half goblet of water, and use the same way. Most of the remedies for freckles are poisonous, and cannot be used with safety. Freckles indicate a defect in digestion, and consists in deposits of some carbonaceous or fatty matter beneath the scarf skin. The diet should be attended to, and should be of such a nature that the bowels and kidneys will do their duty. Daily bathing, with much friction, should not be neglected, and the Turkish bath taken occasionally, if convenient. If the exact cause of freckles was known, a remedy for them might be found. A chemist in Moravia, observing the bleaching effect of mercurial preparations, inferred that the growth of a local parasitical fungus was the cause of the discoloration of the skin, which extended and ripened its pores in the warmer season. Knowing that sulphocarbolate of zinc is a deadly enemy to all parasitic vegetation (itself not being otherwise injurious), he applied this salt for the purpose of removing the freckles. The compound consists of two parts of sulpho-carbolate of zinc, 25 parts of distilled glycerine, 25 parts of rose water, and five parts of scented alcohol, and is to be applied twice daily for from half an hour to an hour, then washed off with cold water. Protection against the sun by veiling and other means is recommended, and, in addition, for persons of pale complexion, some mild preparation of iron.—*Herald of Health.*

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To fill
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Is it to fast an houre,
Or ragged goe,
Or show
A downeast look and sowre?

No! 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheafe of wheate,
And meate,
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A WASTED LIFE.

"I have tickets for the concert to-night, Abba," said James Henley, coming into the sitting-room, where his wife was running a sewing machine with a busy whirr.

"Oh, James, how I wish I could go."

The light died away from her husband's face in a second.

"Wish you *could* go, Abba! Why, of course you will go."

"I can't, James. I must finish these three dresses before Sunday, and it will take every minute."

"Three dresses?"

"For Jennie, Susie and Lotta. It is Easter Sunday, you know, and all the spring things are ready except these dresses."

"But this is only Wednesday."

"I know, James; but look at the work. There are overskirts to each, and ruffles on all the waists. Jennie has three flounces."

"I suppose it is useless for me to repeat what I have said so often, Abba, that you are foolish in your choice of work. Little girls do not require the finery you put upon your children."

"But all the children in the congregation are well dressed. You cannot afford to put the sewing out, so I must do it."

"Let the children dress more simply, then. Come, Abba, stop that buzz for once and go to this concert. I think we can all survive the disgrace if the children wear some of the dresses they have, on Sunday. It is so seldom any really good music is in our reach at L—— that I hate to miss hearing it."

"Can't you go?"

"And leave you here? I should not enjoy it if I knew you were stitching here. Come."

With a heavy sigh, as if James was expecting a sacrifice instead of giving a pleasure, Abba left the room and went to her own apartment to dress for the concert. While she dressed she was calculating closely the time she must save to make up for her evening of pleasure. By rising an hour earlier and retiring an hour later, she might be able to finish the dainty silks that were to excite the envy of all the mothers of L—— on Sunday. All through the evening, while her husband drank in the sweet sounds in which he delighted, Abba, with her face all polite interest, was thinking of the unfinished work.

"Was it not delightful?" James said, as they walked home in the soft spring moonlight.

"Delightful! I am so glad I went, James. Mrs. Gordon had on her new spring suit, and her dresses all come from New York. The trimming on her basque is quite a new style, and I am sure I can put Jennie's on in the same way."

So the talk went on, and the sewing machine whirred for two hours after James slept, so that Abba might not forget how the trimming was put upon the new basque she had seen.

Sunday morning shone clear and cloudless. Mrs. Henley had put the last stitch into Lotta's dress as the clock struck twelve, and she awakened with a pain in her chest and a headache, but with a feeling of triumph. Her children would wear the new spring suits that had cost nothing but the material.

Nothing! Mrs. Henley did not estimate the hours spent over the machine, the weariness, the neglect of many little duties. There had been no actual money laid out in dress-making, so it was clear gain on material.

Very pretty the children looked when they were ready for church. Jennie and Susie, twins of ten years old, were dressed alike in delicate pearl color, trimmed with blue, and hats of the newest shape with blue ribbons. Lotta wore cerise color with cerise trimming, for Lotta was a brunette of seven.

The charges at starting for Sunday school were:

"Be sure you lift your overskirt when you sit down, don't lean back upon the streamers of your hat, and walk where you will not soil your light boots. Don't strain your gloves, and lift your flounces when you kneel down."

"It is such a relief that they are all dressed," said Abba as the children started, their little parasols jauntily held, and their whole air showing their appreciation of their new finery.

"Over-dressed, Abba!" was the reply. "Your own dresses are not more elaborate."

"It is now the fashion to cut children's dresses like ladies'. But you ought to be proud of your children, James. Everybody compliments me upon the taste with which I dress them."

"Abba!" Mr. Henley said suddenly, leading his wife to a mirror, "look at your own face."

"Well?" she said, wondering what he could mean.

"Your cheeks are white as chalk, there is a heavy line under your your eyes, and your whole air is that of a woman worked to death."

"James, what nonsense!"

"It is not nonsense. I wish it was. Five years ago you had the complexion of a child, as clear and rosy as Susie's. Your eyes then were bright, full of animation. You had young children, a house to keep in order, and just half of our present income. Yet you could find leisure for a daily walk, could enjoy an occasional evening of social pleasure or some entertainment. I had a *wife* then."

"James, what do you mean?"

"I mean that in the place of my happy, healthy wife, I have a sickly overworked seamstress. Those dolls that have just gone out have none of the grace of childhood. They are fast becoming little pieces of vanity, all absorbed in their finery. Their underclothing would do for signs in an emporium of linen, with embroidery, ruffles and tucks."

"But I do it all myself, James."

"Exactly, you are stitching your life into the garments of children who would be far happier, healthier and better in the simple clothing suited to their years."

"You are so old-fashioned, James. You would not have your children look like frights."

"You know as well as I can tell you that I like to see them neat and clean, but I do not like to see them dressed like fashion plates at the expense of your health."

"Oh, I am well enough. I am pale to-day because I sat up late last night. But I must dress for church or we will be late."

The glad Easter service passed over Mrs. Henley with but little impression. To her chagrin, the little Goodwins, who had all of their dresses direct from New York, had an entirely new style of overskirt, that made Jennie, Susie and Lotta look quite old-fashioned in the eyes of their mother. While the sermon was read, Mrs. Henley was trying to contrive some way of remodeling the obnoxious skirts. All the triumph of the morning in the really beautiful dresses was gone. The Goodwin girls outdressed the Henley girls!

Summer came, and the long springy days were spent in preparing a seaside wardrobe for the children, for Mr. Henley, by the advice of his physician, was going to take his wife to the ocean air.

The pain in the side had become very troublesome, and there was a little cough that meant wakeful nights. The pale cheeks were seldom tinged with a healthy color and the eyes were languid and heavy. People spoke pityingly of Mrs. Henley as "quite an invalid," and her husband mourned over the alteration of his wife.

He insisted upon having a physician, who advised fresh air, and exercise, and a tonic. Abba obediently swallowed the tonic, took a daily walk, and then made up for lost time by stitching far into the night. For were not the Goodwins, the Wilcoxes, and all the leading fashionables of L—— going to the same hotel where Mr. Henley had taken rooms, and could Jennie, Susie and Lotta have one inch less ruffling than they possessed?

Mr. Henley protested in vain. If he sent a seamstress to help his wife, it only gave an excuse for a dress or two more to be made, and he finally gave up the attempt to bring Abba to a more reasonable ambition. He was an affectionate husband, a kind father, liberal in providing for his family, but his salary was not sufficiently large for him to rival the expenditure of the fashionable friends Abba had made. It was entirely vain to tell him that it was in his wife's favor that she could, upon smaller means, dress herself and her children as well as any in L——. He obstinately maintained that his wife's health, her companionship, her interests in his pursuits, in the books he read, her music and her sweet voice in singing, were far more valuable than twenty-seven flounces upon Jennie's dress, or fifty tucks in Lotta's skirt.

Still he endured as patiently as might be the loss he deplored of Abba's bright interest in what had interested both. He tried to admire the really exquisite specimens of needle-work brought for his inspection.

He only shrugged his shoulders when his little girls minced along with dainty, fine-lady airs, instead of bounding with the freedom of childhood. He bore the steady whirr of the sewing machine in the evening instead of the voice or music of his wife.

But when Abba's health began to give way he exerted his authority, and found that he had been silent too long. The love of dress had grown stronger, and the ambition that had taken so deplorable a path could not be put aside. Abba submitted to all James' directions while he was beside her, and worked doubly hard when he was away.

But the summer wardrobes completed, the dainty bathing dresses trimmed, the Saratoga trunks packed, Abba faithfully promised James to rest during their summer sojourn at the seaside. With a sudden consciousness of growing weakness, there came to her an appreciation of her husband's love and patience that had been numbed. She began to realize that she had let her ambition for dress overshadow her love for her husband, and that she had wronged him in depriving him of the companionship he had prized so highly.

"I will rest while I am gone, and when I come back, James, I will give my evenings to you, as I did when we were first married."

This was her parting promise, never to be enacted. Only a few days' rest was allowed her before an acute attack of lung fever prostrated her. James left his business to hurry to the seaside, a nurse was engaged, and medical skill did its utmost. But the constitution weakened by confinement, and while the summer days were in their full beauty, Mrs. Henley knew she was dying.

It was a bitter thought. Life held so much that was precious; her kind, loving husband, her beautiful children, her happy home—all must be left.

"A mysterious dispensation of Providence," said Mrs. Goodwin; "such a good mother. And those children are just the age when they most need a mother's care."

But Abba Henley, in the dread hour she bade farewell to hope, wound her arms about her husband's neck and sobbed:

"If I had only listened to you, James, I might have been a guide to our children, a companion to you for many years, and when I died have left loving memories instead of a trunk of fine clothing. I have wasted my life."

And James Henley, in his widower's weeds, with his three little girls in sombre black beside him, wonders mournfully how many of the mothers of the land are wasting their lives in the same struggle for appearance.

Rev. Dr. Lorimer of Boston, while in Kentucky, was invited to perform a marriage ceremony, and rode ten or twelve miles through mud and rain to unite the contracting parties. At the conclusion of the ceremony the mother of the bride offered Dr. Lorimer a filled wine glass, which he declined and said: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, madam, for offering these young people that which may ultimately work their ruin." The woman, placing her arms akimbo, said: "Look h'yar, Mr. Preacher, you kim to marry this yar couple. You've married this yar couple. Now git."

"What's the matter, Uncle Jerry?" said Mr. ——, as old Jeremiah H. was passing by, growling most furiously. "Matter!" said the old man, stopping short; "why, here I have been lugging water all the morning for Dr. C.'s wife to wash with, and what d'ye s'pose I got for it?" "Why, I suppose about ten cents," answered Mr. ——. "Ten cents! she told me the doctor would pull a tooth for me some time."

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Poor Moon.

The moon was shining in the sky,
All white and round was she;
The nursery-blind stood open wide,
And she peeped in to see.

A pair of solemn eyes and blue
Met hers, so white and round;
They stared at her, and she stared back,
Till presently a sound

As of a little sobbing sigh
Caught mamma's watchful ear.
"My darling child, why do you cry?
What is the matter, dear?"

"O! mamma," said the little voice,
In mournful undertone,
"I am so sorry for the moon,
For she is all alone!

"There are such lots and lots of stars,
They wink and laugh and play,
And have a splendid time all night,
And sleep and hide all day.

"But the poor moon, she hasn't one,
One playmate in the sky;
She always goes alone, alone,
And that's what makes me cry.

"I wish there were another moon,
Pretty and round as she,
To go along and play bo-peep
And keep her company."

Mamma, she kissed the tears away
And smoothed the pillow white,
And sang a sleepy song, to shut
The blue eyes fast and tight.

But, though the eyelids drooped and sank
And hid the dewy eyes,
The childish bosom still gave out
Its little sobbing sighs.

And half asleep and half awake,
Like drowsy birdie's tune
In hidden nest, the small voice said:
"I'm sorry for the moon."

WAKING UP A CONSERVATIVE.

The following, with but slight variations, sufficient not to betray the identity of the parties, is the report of a recent actual interview; and the forcible truths expressed in the conclusion of the dialogue will doubtless be recognized as applicable to many similar cases of greater or less magnitude.

A business man with difficulties calls with a long face on one of his principal creditors, and says:

"Mr. Prompt, I find, owing to the pressure of the times, I shall be obliged to call a meeting of my creditors."

"Indeed," says Prompt, "then you cannot meet your liabilities."

Debtor—"I regret to say that I cannot."

Prompt—"Well, let me see; how long have you been in business?"

Debtor—About eight years."

Prompt—"How much capital did you have to start with?"

Debtor (proudly)—"I had only one thousand dollars, sir, and my knowledge of the business, in which I was salesman."

Prompt—"You were since married?"

Debtor—"Yes."

Prompt—"Wife have any property?"

Debtor—"None at all; *I've done everything by my own unaided exertions.*"

Prompt—"How much do you expect to be able to pay your creditors?"

Debtor—"Well, I think I could get out of it for twenty cents on the dollar."

Prompt—"How much would that leave you after you got your bankruptcy discharge?"

Debtor—"Well, if I could go right on with the old stock I might realize a couple of thousand dollars, but the creditors couldn't do so much with it."

Prompt—"How about your house in the suburbs? That goes in with the assets, I suppose."

Debtor—"Well, hardly. That's worth only six or seven thousand dollars, and I settled that on my wife two years ago."

Prompt—"H'm, hum. Let me see; what are your liabilities?"

Debtor—"I should say, at a rough calculation, twenty thousand dollars."

Prompt (indignantly)—"Why, confound it, sir, it is just such men as you that have been cheating honest men through your rascality or accursed ignorance. You haven't been solvent, according to your own confession, the whole eight years you have been in trade, I'll be bound. Here you acknowledge you started with only one thousand dollars of real capital, you have had your family living for eight years, saved out a seven thousand dollar house, and after settling with your creditors will have double the capital you began with. Such men as you have no right to be in business for themselves, but should be the employes of those who have the brains to guide them. I'll accept no proposition, and only wish creditors, instead of 'setting on their feet' such shams as you to compete with genuine business men, would send you back to the ranks where you belong."

An old English advertisement reads as follows: "Wanted, for a sober family, a man of light weight, who fears the Lord and can drive a pair of horses. He must occasionally wait at table, join in the household prayer, look after the horses, and read a chapter in the Bible. He must, God willing, rise at seven in the morning, obey his master and mistress in all lawful commands. If he can dress his hair, sing psalms, and play at cribbage, the more agreeable. Wages, fifteen guineas a year."

At a school examination a clergyman made a brief address to the pupils on the necessity of obeying their teachers and growing up loyal and useful citizens. To emphasize his remarks he pointed to a large national flag spread on one side of the room, and enquired: "Boys, what is that flag for?" A little urchin, who understood the condition of the house better than the speaker, promptly answered, "To hide the dirt, sir."

An old farmer says: "From sixteen to twenty, my boys knew more than I did; at twenty-five they knew as much; at thirty they were willing to hear what I had to say; at thirty-five they asked my advice, and I think when they get to be forty they will acknowledge that the old man does know something."

A mother and daughter rolled slowly into an Anderson county, S. C., store and "reckoned they'd git weighed." The mother raised the bar at 215 pounds, and her fair daughter went 70 pounds better.

While an Iowa woman was struggling in the water, and likely to drown, her husband yelled out, "New bonnet—swim for life!" and she kicked out and safely reached the shore.

"That," said the tramp, "is the top buckwheat; it has been used to keep the others warm, and I don't eat no coverlids," so he laid it one side.

Josh Billings says that opera music has no more effect on him than castor oil on a graven image.

BABY'S SOLILOQUY.

I am here. And if this is what they call the world, I don't think much of it. It's a very flannelly world, and smells of paregoric awfully. It's a very light world, too, and makes me blink, I tell you. And I don't know what to do with my hands; I think I'll dig my fist in my eyes. No, I won't. I'll scrabble at the corner of my blanket and chew it up, and then I'll holler; whatever happens I'll holler. And the more paregoric they give me the louder I'll yell. That old nurse puts the spoon in the corner of my mouth in a very uneasy way, and keeps tasting my milk herself all the while. She spilt snuff in it last night, and when I hollered, trotted me. That came of being a two day's old baby. There's a pin sticking in me now, and if I say a word about it I'll be trotted or fed; and I would rather have catnip tea. I'll tell you who I am. I found out to-day. I heard folks say, "Hush, don't wake up Emeline's baby;" and I suppose that pretty white-faced woman over on the pillow is Emeline.

No, I was mistaken; for a chap was in here just now, and wanted to see Bob's baby; and looked at me and said, "I was a funny little toad and looked just like Bob." He smelt of cigars. I wonder who else I belong to. Yes, there's another one—that's "Gamma." "It was Gamma's baby, so it was." I declare I do not know who I belong to; but I'll holler, and maybe I'll find out. There comes Snuffy with catnip tea. I'm going to sleep. I wonder why my hands won't go where I want them to!

CARE OF HORSES.

The London Horse Book says: All horses must not be fed in the same proportion, without regard to their ages, their constitution and their work; because the impropriety of such a practice is self-evident. Yet it is constantly done, and is the basis of disease of every kind.

Never use bad hay on account of cheapness, because there is no proper nourishment in it.

Damaged corn is exceedingly injurious, because it brings on inflammation of the bowels and skin disease. Chaff is better for old horses than hay, because they can chew and digest it better.

When a horse is worked hard its food should be chiefly oats; if not worked hard its food should be chiefly hay, because oats supply more nourishment and flesh-making material than any other kind of food; hay not so much.

Rack feeding is wasteful. The better plan is to feed with chopped hay, from a manger, because the food is not then thrown out, and is more easily chewed and digested.

Sprinkle the hay with water that has salt dissolved in it, because it is pleasing to the animal's taste, and the hay is more easily digested. A teaspoonful of salt in a bucket of water is sufficient.

It was in a New Jersey Sunday school, the Superintendent approached a youth of color who was present for the first time, and inquired his name for the purpose of placing it on the roll. The good man tried in vain to preserve his dignity when the answer was returned, "well, massa calls me captain, but my maiden name is Moscs."

"What are ye daneing around fur?" inquired a bootblack of a boy acquaintance, whose face was covered with smiles and who was executing a double shuffle. "Glory' nuf!" replied the lad, jumping still higher. "Cow got into the garden this morning and trampled every bed flat as yer hat, and I won't have to pull a weed this summer."

It is said President Lincoln once said to Senator Fessenden: "What is your religion?" "Not much to boast of, but I suppose I am as much a Unitarian as anything." "Oh, a Unitarian," said Lincoln. "I thought you might be an Episcopalian. Seward is Episcopalian, and I notice you swear about as he does."

"Hydrophobia," says Dr. Hall, "is sometimes a purely nervous disease; that is, it may be generated by the imagination; as proof, there are records of many who have died of hydrophobia, having a shuddering at the sight of water, and foaming at the mouth, when in reality mad dogs do neither."

A venerable negro in Iowa was on trial for an offence against the State, and when the case was announced in court, "The State of Iowa *versus* Sampson Cæsar," the aged African exclaimed—"What! de whole State of Iowa agin dis chile! Den I surrenders."

It is a barbarism to compel children to eat fat meat, lean meat, or anything else to which they may have a repugnance, an unconquerable antipathy; you might as well try to make a kitten eat white beans, or a chicken drink salt water.

As one of the Scotch kings was dying, an attendant heard his last sentence:—"Lord, I restore Thee the kingdom wherewith Thou didst intrust me. Put me in possession of that whereof the inhabitants all are kings."

Democrats are disturbed because there have been found in the washing machine some shirts marked Pendleton, and a nightcap with Hendrieks on the margin. Wash-day troubles have only just begun.

When a pretty young lady stretches out a pretty little hand and asks you to undo her glove for her, isn't she exercising an undo influence on your feelings?

Conversation being dull at an evening party, the hostess requested one of her guests to go home, that the rest might have something to talk about.

"I want to go home," said a legislator. "I ain't used to wearing starched shirts two months on a stretch."

Never be cast down by trifles. If a spider break his web twenty times, twenty times will he mend it again.

Many have withstood the frowns of the world, but its smiles and caresses hugged them to death.

He who restrains himself from luxury may help others in necessity.

What did Adam first plant in the garden of Eden?—His foot.

The home circle—walking around with the baby all night.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1876.

Our Massachusetts Senate refuses to pass a law to prevent members of the Legislature from receiving free passes over railroads. They think such a vote would show a distrust of their integrity, and they cannot stand any such reflection.

Our Legislature has pursued a dull routine of business the past week, and done nothing of special note. The members hoped to close the session by the 15th inst., but there are some strong drawbacks which will hold them until the first of May, if not longer. It has a disposition to shirk duty by turning over to the next Legislature some matters of importance.

Not satisfied with telling us in the morning what the weather will be for the day, "Old Probs" now proposes to inform us, the first of each month, what winds during the month are likely to bring storms. For this month winds from east-northeast or south-southeast, or from between those points, are likely to be followed by rain, while winds blowing from west or north, or from directions between those points, are least likely to produce rain. A few more improvements of this kind and we can dispense with our "Old Farmer's Almanacs."

Connecticut was swept pretty thoroughly by the democrats, in Monday's election, Gov. Ingersoll being re-elected by a majority of 3664. There were 50,078 votes cast for Gov. Ingersoll, 43,557 for Henry C. Robinson, republican, 1986 for Charles Atwater, "greenback," and 1871 for H. D. Smith, prohibitory. The democratic victory was the greatest in the Legislature, they having a large majority in both branches, and a majority of 87 on joint ballot, against 38 last year. This insures the election of a democratic U. S. Senator.

We do not often have in April such a severe storm as began Monday and kept at it until late Tuesday night, topping off with a heavy snow storm, which left a foot of snow at Worcester, interrupted travel, and prostrated nearly all the telegraph lines running out from Boston. There was a fierce gale along the coast, and many of the inland streams were again brought up to flood height. We are sure "Old Probs" would add to his popularity if he would distribute this wetness over a little more surface, and not give it to us in such big lumps.

Who wouldn't be a contumacious witness? Here's one Hallet Kilbourne, a real estate agent at Washington, who has been imprisoned because he would not produce his books before a Congressional committee, and has been feeding himself at the country's expense at the rate of nearly $19 per day, his bill for nineteen days being $355.40. At last accounts he hadn't got the dyspepsia, but it made the M. C's. feel dyspeptic when they learned how he was going it, and they decided to cut down his rations to prison fare, fearing, no doubt, that witnesses summoned in the future might like to try a few days' imprisonment on the same royal scale, instead of answering their questions.

Finally the Senate has rejected Mr. Dana's nomination for the English ministry by a vote of 36 to 17. This result is not unexpected, and Gen. Butler's opposition is credited with his defeat. Probably Mr. Dana's letter concerning the matter, which the committee on Foreign Affairs considered insulting, had quite as much to do with it. Now, the friends of Dana think it would be a good idea for Massachusetts to head the delegation to the Cincinnati Convention with Mr. Dana, and it is also suggested that he be sent to the U. S. Senate in place of Mr. Boutwell. This would be ungrateful to Mr. Boutwell, who has worked diligently for Dana's confirmation, although it is claimed that his efforts did more damage than good.

The women have again asked Congress to grant them Suffrage. Mr. Cox of N. Y., has presented a memorial in the House from women of the United States, requesting a form of government for the District of Columbia that will secure to women the right to vote. Mr. Banks of this State made an eloquent plea in behalf of the memorial. He said, "This memorial represents 400,000 American women. They ask for the organization of a government in the District of Columbia that will recognize their political rights. I voted some years ago to give women the right to vote in this District, and recalling the course of its government I think it would have done no wrong if they had enjoyed public rights."

The mountain which was in such stupenduous labor at Worcester a few days ago, has finally brought forth a very small mouse. In short, the meeting of a little group of Republicans in that city, for the purpose of instructing all other Republicans in the Commonwealth their duty in the present year, has resulted in a short address, which is simmered down and summed up in the paragraph: "Do not leave the caucuses in the hands of those who make politics a business." Now that is sage advice, and none but great minds could fulminate so grand and inspiring a sentence. The people will of course obey, and something will come of this grand effort that will bring us back "to the austere virtues of the fathers of the republic." The few choice spirits who framed this wonderful document have got some two hundred names to it—some of them excellent names, too—but three-fourths are the names of men who "make politics a business" and are seekers for office. To speak plainly, the address will have about as much effect on the Republicans of Massachusetts as one of Daniel Pratt's orations on a street audience.

The city of Worcester is likely to have several lawsuits on her hands as the result of that "dam bust" of hers. The damage is estimated at half a million dollars or more, and opinion is divided as to Worcester's responsibility for it. The dam was pronounced safe by engineers, but it seems that, at the time it was rebuilt, the engineer's plan for an inverted arch at the bottom of the gallery through which the water pipes were led was overruled, and a few thousand dollars saved by substituting a flat pavement. And just there was the mistake, for through this pavement came the leak which resulted in the catastrophe. There is no question but that the authorities were indifferent to the danger. The watchman at the dam was alarmed for its safety the Sunday before it gave way, and his warnings were not only unheeded, but flashboards were put on the dam, thus greatly increasing the pressure and danger, and not until Wednesday night were they removed, or anything done toward remedying the rapidly increasing leak. If the city should be held responsible for the damages, it might be a healthy warning to owners of other reservoirs, though a costly one for Worcester. In the meantime the district attorney threatens to bring the unsafe condition of North pond dam before the grand jury next month, unless measures are taken to make it safe.

Boston's latest contribution to the list of scoundrels is Patrick Donahoe, proprietor of the Pilot, the popular Catholic organ. Mr. Donahoe lost heavily in the great fire and also by a subsequent smaller fire, and after a long struggle was forced to go into bankruptcy, and it now transpires that he held large amounts of money in trust for confiding friends, which he had used and sunk in his business. For a long time Mr. Donahoe was president of the Emigrant savings bank, located in the Pilot building, but withdrew a while ago. Many of his Catholic friends, seeming to think that he was still the man to take care of their money, went to his office and deposited with him, under promise of 7 per cent. interest, although he knew all the time that he was bankrupt. Much suffering must follow his breach of trust, as in scores of cases poor people had left their all with him. Mr. Donahoe is still at large, and indifferent to the whole thing.

The mania for sensation at Washington finds expression in a great amount of false testimony before Congressional committees, the latest being that by a discharged detective named S. C. Bell, who went before the Clymer investigating committee last week and told a very thrilling story of his having been employed by Gen. Babcock to suppress evidence against him, and that he did attempt to steal important papers from the U. S. District Attorney's office at St. Louis. Bell claimed that Babcock admitted his guilt to him, and among other things that he tried to betray Bell to District Attorney Dyer. This story showed that he worked on all sides, and was so improbable that the committee was not long in finding out that he is an imposter and dead beat, unworthy of the least confidence. This kind of testimony goes to show the character of a good deal of other testimony which is given, and received by the public for truth.

Little Rhody endeavored to elect State officers on Wednesday, but succeeded only in choosing a Republican Secretary of State, neither of the three candidates for Governor receiving a majority. But the Legislature is largely Republican, and will re-elect Gov. Lippitt, and will probably return Mr. Anthony to the U. S. Senate.

Fragments.

—Texas has ripe currants.
—Palm Sunday, to-morrow.
—Frank Blair left a $500 estate.
—The Pope is said to be failing.
—Senator Dawes is a Bristow man, they say.
—Six bridesmaids is the fashionable number now.
—The public debt was reduced $4,260,866 in March.
—A man in South Hadley Falls lately died of anarsarca.
—Moody and Sankey's New York campaign has cost $120,000.
—The Advents claim that the world will be smashed up this year, sure pop.
—There is talk of overhauling the Signal Service Bureau. Look out for bad weather.
—Extremes. A baby was born in Holyoke recently weighing 1¾ pounds, and one at Boone, Ia., weighing 19¾ pounds.

Fires.—South Hadley had an incendiary fire Sunday night which wiped out the business part of the village, taking the hotel, two barns, two houses, a store, the post office and a large block, leaving but one store in the village. Loss $20,000; well insured. The 300 girls at the Mount Holyoke Seminary turned out, and while men stood loafing around, formed a line and passed water for an hour and a half, and then were treated to 300 bowls of ginger tea, when it was all over with.——The High School building at Pittsfield was destroyed by an incendiary fire last Friday morning; loss $15,000.——The Ocean View House at Nantasket Beach was burned Tuesday forenoon.——Hale's block in Springfield was partially burned Sunday morning. The building contained Alden's photograph rooms, Curtis's clothing store, and other stores and offices. Lost about $25,000.

A movement is on foot in Connecticut to induce people to plant centennial trees this spring—a capital idea, and one that should be acted upon in this State also. Everybody who owns a plot of ground favorable for the purpose, or who lives by a country road, should plant at least one tree of a species adapted to beautify the landscape, such as an elm, oak, maple, ash or walnut.

About 30 tons of powder stored in four magazines at Salt Lake City, exploded with terrific force Wednesday afternoon, from some unknown cause, killing several persons and damaging several buildings. It is estimated that $50,000 worth of window glass was broken.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The green grass begins to appear.

These are "moving" times—"the saddest of the year."

O. W. Studley has disposed of his meat market to Charles Keith.

M. Fox has sold his house on South Main street to Winslow Foskett for $3000.

"Service of song" and sermon by the pastor at the Cong. church to-morrow evening.

Mr. Winter is getting the lumber ready for a shop, corner of Main and Knox streets.

Rev. W. Gordon closed his pastorate of the Methodist church at Four Corners last Sunday.

The Baptist church will be open on Monday evening for the rental of pews for the ensuing year.

Murray is coming again, after all, and will tell us all about "Deacons" at Wales Hall next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lambert Allen sells her household furniture at auction this (Saturday) afternoon, at her house on Church street.

Prof. Wheeler has received many applications from this and neighboring towns, and will have a large class in music.

E. M. Turner has bought of I. S. Wood, his interest in the American House, and takes possession this (Saturday) evening.

Preaching in Union Hall to-morrow by A. J. Patterson D. D. of Boston Highlands. Services at the usual hours, morning, afternoon and evening.

There was almost a Sabbath stillness in the village from Friday to Wednesday, owing to the absence of the trains which are usually passing so constantly.

The course of lectures being delivered in Wales Hall by Rev. A. H. Sweetser of Springfield are worthy a general hearing. The next in the course will be given next Wednesday evening at 7.30.

The joke of stealing the tongues of the church bells having become stale, and a new tongue procured for the Congregational bell, the "jokers" should now return the old ones and no questions will be asked.

At this week's session of the probate court in Springfield, Henry A. Perry was appointed adminstrator on the estate of H. H. Perry of this place, and an inventory was filed on the estate of Jennie and Helen Adams of Ludlow.

At the annual meeting of the Baptist society, Monday evening, these officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Enos Calkins, S. Edgerton and G. H. Justin, prudential committee; A. B. Root, clerk; L. Dimock, treasurer; B. C. Davis, collector; C. B. Fisk, auditor.

The schools commenced their Spring term Wednesday. Miss Wallis has the intermediate, Miss Warner the grammar, and Miss Blanchard the primary department of the graded school. The high school has hired a fine Hazelton piano from Gorham & Woods of Springfield, for use in their school-room.

Col. H. R. Stoughton started on Monday for his new home at Reading, Mich., taking with him the best wishes of hosts of friends, and a fine gold chain and Masonic charm which his friends of the New London Northern railroad had presented him. Col. Stoughton's nephew, William, who has been baggage master on the road, goes with him.

"Hunt's Monthly Journal" is the title of a neat new 16-page paper received from Hunt Bros., music dealers of Springfield. It has an original article by Prof. Tourjee, miscellaneous reading and some new music, and while designed mainly as an advertising medium, contains music and reading matter enough to make it interesting, while it is offered at the low price of 60 cents per annum.

Wales Hall was filled Monday evening with a happy company of children and a few of their friends. Mr. Streeter has the rare faculty of keeping even the youngest children interested and even at the closing hour they were clamorous for more. Mr. Streeter comes to Palmer again on Monday eve. Apr. 17th and will be accompanied by the Schumann Club of Springfield, of which he is a member. To defray expenses an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, and the entertainment will be a pleasant one for children and adults alike.

During the interruption of travel on the Boston and Albany road, caused by the Worcester break, persons from this place, and those arriving on the morning trains from the north and south, desiring to go to Springfield or further, have been obliged to wait until nearly noon before they could get away from here. It does not seem to have occurred to the managers of the road that it would have been "the thing" to have run in a train in the morning from this place, though they must know that the bulk of the passengers arriving in Springfield on the morning train from the east are taken on at this station. On Wednesday morning, however, they awoke to the situation, and the train arriving from Ware was sent in to Springfield. The break was finally bridged over Wednesday afternoon, and trains began running as usual.

BONDVILLE.

Eighteen persons were baptized at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Bond & Foskitt have dissolved partnership, and L. H. Bond will continue the business at the grist mill.

The tenth anniversary of the Methodist church was pleasantly celebrated Monday evening. One hundred and eighteen have been connected with the society since its organization. At the close of the entertainment the pastor was presented with a purse of over $75.

HOLLAND.

The following are the town officers for the ensuing year: Clerk and treasurer, F. E. Kinney; selectmen and overseers of the poor, U. P. Marcy, F. B. Blodgett, Frank Wight; assessors, Horace Wallis Jr., Wm. L. Webber, Henry Vinton; school committee for three years, F. B. Blodgett; collector, Horace Wallis Jr.; constable, Wm. S. Wallis. Appropriations: Schools, $350; paupers, $850; highways, $450; contingencies, $200; interest, $150. The town debt is now $1220.

DISTRICT COURT.

On Monday Wm. Mason was up on a charge of breaking glass, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict him, and he was discharged.

Andrew J. McDonald paid fine and costs amounting to $9 for drunkenness, and for want of the same amount of money Chas. Marsen and Thos. Connor were committed on the same charge.

Horace Kimball last Saturday changed his mind and retracted his previous plea of not guilty, pleading guilty on four charges of larceny from the New London Northern railroad, and paying a fine of $40, and costs of $40.30.

John Murphy who had been on a drunk, recognized the majesty of the law which arrested him, and manifested his approbation of it by contributing $8.45 towards sustaining it.

WEST WARREN.

Burglars were around last Thursday night, and Bliss's market, Elwell's store and the post office were invaded by them, and they carried off a ham, a revolver, $20 in postage stamps, and $15 in pennies.

WARREN.

At a sociable in the Congregational chapel Monday evening, B. A. Tripp and wife were pleasantly surprised by the presentation of a silver tea service of six pieces and an elegant Bible, it being the 25th anniversary of their marriage.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

William R. Sessions has sold to A. M. Winslow & Sons of Vermont four Durham cows for $500. They were shipped at Springfield to a farm some fifty miles south of Chicago.

ENFIELD.

A new school house will be built in the upper village.

The high school closed last Friday, after a very successful term under the tuition of N. D. Potter.

The Swift River and the Minot manufacturing companies are running only a portion of their machinery.

Nelson Bacon of Hardwick was fined by Justice Richards $25.50 the other day for cruelly beating his horse.

At the adjourned town meeting this week H. M. Smith, A. R. House and B. F. Davis were chosen school committee, and these appropriations made: Contingencies, $800; highways and bridges, $1200; schools, $1300; paupers, $500; interest, $1600. The town voted to have 14 highway surveyors, who will pay workmen on the roads having teams 30 cents an hour, and those without teams 13 cts.

BRIMFIELD.

The Hitchcock grammar school began its Spring term on Tuesday.

At the town meeting on Monday the following officers were chosen: Moderator, Samuel W. Brown; clerk, Henry F. Brown; treasurer, A. L. Converse; selectmen, James B. Brown, N. S. Hubbard and P. A. Parker; assessors, Cheney Newton, Samuel W. Brown, and George M. Hitchcock; school committee, Joseph L. Woods; constables, F. E. Cook, M. H. Barker; overseers of the poor, S. Parker, P. A. Parker, Cheney Newton. Appropriations: Highways $1500, bridges $100, snow paths $200, schools $1800, repairs on school-houses $100; paupers $1000; salaries $400, miscellaneous $300, discount $300, unusual $200, total $5900. The appropriations last year were $7000, but the selectmen managed to bring the expenses down to $5961, of which $1332 went for highway; for schools $2,032; paupers $1021; salaries $347. Balance in the treasurer's hands at the end of the year was $4,886, which enabled the town to cut down the appropriations for this year. The town has no debt.

WILBRAHAM.

Another death from small pox at Collin's Depot.

The town meeting on Monday resulted in the choice of these officers:—clerk and treas. E. B. Gates; selectmen, Marcus F. Beebe, Francis E. Clark and Albert Bedurtha; school committee for three years, Dr. J. M. Foster; assessors, A. J. Blanchard, John N. Isham and S. U. Stanton; constables, M. H. Warren, Henry Clark, J. W. Greene and Clark Goodwill; fence viewers, Harvey Kent, W. M. Green, G. K. Stacy and Abner C. Burleigh. Appropriations: schools $3000; paupers $2000; highways and bridges $2500; contingencies and town officers $1500; interest $200. It was voted to send town scholars wishing high school advantages to the academy at the town's expense; to make tramps work for their board; to add six rods of ground to the Glendale cemetery, enclosing the whole with a neat fence; and to expend $100 for fire apparatus to be kept at the North Parish, when a like amount should be subscribed by the citizens. Dr. Ballard did not satisfactorily explain why certain sums paid him as interest on over-due taxes were not given in his report, and Walter Hitchcock, H. M. Loomis and Frank Warner were appointed to investigate the matter.

BELCHERTOWN.

The high school commenced on Monday with 36 scholars.

L. V. B. Cook has exchanged his farm with Mr. Blanchard, of Brookfield, for his house.

Everett Clapp has rented his two farms to A. B. Howard. He has not begun work on his proposed $40,000 hotel yet, but will when the people take one-fourth of the stock.

D. B. Gillet, Jr. has returned from California and Arizona, and resumed his old position as organist at the Congregational church.

There will be a special town meeting next Monday, to see about repairing the center school house. There is some talk of removing the grammar and primary schools to the high school building.

The following officers were chosen at the meeting of the Congregational society, Monday afternoon: Clerk and treas., Cyrus Bartlett; prudential committee, Herman Moody, Cyrus Bartlett and Harrison Root; assessors, C. L. Washburn, White H. Hawks and Heman Moody. The church debt was stated to be about $2100. The meeting adjourned for one week without making the usual appropriations.

MONSON.

The Monson savings bank pays a 3 per cent. semi-annual dividend.

W. N. Flynt & Co. had 40 car-loads of stone on the road to Jamesville, the morning after the Worcester disaster.

Rev. Mr. Hammond and Rev. Mr. Tufts are supplying the pulpit of the Cong. church during the absence of Mr. Sumner, who is on western tour for his health.

Orson L. Burley, who has been superintendent at Lyon's mill for the past three years, was presented last Friday evening at his residence, by the help in the mill, with a fine heavy chased gold ring, on which his named was engraved in German text; also, a fishing-rod and basket, together with the congratulations of friends and neighbors and wishes for his future prosperity and happiness. The presentation speech was made by Chas. E. Stevenson, and acknowledgment of the compliment was made by the recipient. The young people enjoyed the occasion, and "tripped the light fantastic toe" for awhile in the kitchen. Mr. B. goes to Wales.

At the town meeting on Monday the following officers were chosen: Clerk, A. A. Gage; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Alfred Norcross, R. M. Reynolds, Charles Fowler; assessors, Joshua Tracy, Welcome Converse, W. J. Ricketts; treasurer, W. K. Flynt; school committee for three years, C. S. Pease, A. D. Norcross, George Walker, Jacob L. Bradway; for one year, W. O. Hovey, A. A. Warriner; constables, J. H. Thompson, J. C. Aldrich, E. P. Newton, J. C. Wing, George M. Severy, William Smith, M. D. Maloney, F. H. King, W. H. Bugbee; fence viewers, Geo. E. Tucker, D. G. Potter, J. B. McCormick. It was voted to have the valuation of the town for another year itemized and printed in the next annual report, thus enabling all to know for what they are taxed and how their neighbors are. It was also voted "That the thanks of the town be tendered to Hon. Wm. N. Flynt for his faithful, acceptable and gratuitous services as town treasurer during the past 30 years. The town instructed the old board of selectmen to defend the suit brought against the town by the administrator of Artemas Knowlton's estate. A statement was made that the plaintiff had offered to settle for $1000, but the town thought best to defend. It was voted to pay men 15 cents per hour for work on highways, and a pair of cattle 15 cents an hour and *tools in proportion*. Now the question comes up, how will the "proportion" be got at? If a yoke of cattle weighing 3000 pounds bring 15 cents an hour, how much will a cart weighing 1000 pounds bring? or if a pair of cattle have two tongues and a cart only one, should the cart have 7½ cents per hour? And how much for a plow and a chain? for there must be a connecting link. The matter in regard to highways will probably be reconsidered at the adjourned meeting the 17th, as it is difficult to find highway surveyors who will work under the rules and regulations as they now are.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The Geo. H. Gilbert company have shipped the most of their goods to the Centennial exhibition, this week.

Willard G. Andrews has been drawn to serve on the traverse jury, which meets at Northampton the 18th.

The great Logrenia has come and gone. The wizard was indeed a clever performer, but the distribution of gifts was a farce.

The high school commenced last Monday with about fifty pupils. The entering class numbered thirty-five. All the other village schools commence next Monday.

There were about thirty applicants for the position of grammar school teacher, and Miss J. Addie Burleigh of Palmer was accepted. The salary will be $500 the ensuing year.

The express trains running through Ware the past week have made the scene about the depot a much livelier one than usual, and a large number of visitors have been present there.

The town clerk has issued the annual notice to "owners and keepers of dogs" which we suppose will be well heeded this year, owing to the frequent attacks of hydrophobia in towns about us.

Another dead infant was found last Saturday near the river bank, on the "flats" on the Palmer road. The selectmen held an inquest over the body Wednesday, and decided that the child was murdered by strangulation.

The subject of Sunday evening's discourse in Music Hall will be "Christian Work in the Lord's Vineyard." Mr. Lyon, by request, will take this time to state the position and nature of the work of the society which worships in Music Hall.

The meetings in "Ware town" have been attended with marked interest for several weeks, especially last week, when Wm. E. Lewis and Rev. Mr. Reed of Thorndike were there, and a large number of converts are reported.

The young people of the Music Hall society have organized "The Young People's Guild," with the following officers: President, W. T. D. French; vice pres., Geo. Utley; sec., Charles Howe; treas., Mrs. E. Sagendorph; chaplain, Rev. John Lyon. The society has for its aim reform and the general good of all.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

Utah lost 4,000 cattle by the snow.

About ten Eastern consumptives die in Colorado every day.

A Centennial oath: "Don't care a continental."

Maryland taxes hospitals and charity institutions.

New Orleans had nine murders in the first twenty-one days of March.

A mountain of superior white chalk has been discovered in Idaho.

It is said Thurlow Weed has been converted under Moody's preaching.

A New York doctor can make a fat person lean at the rate of a pound a day.

Miles, the bank robber, has been sentenced to fourteen years in the Vermont State prison.

Don Carlos expects to arouse another revolt soon which he says will prove successful to his cause.

The Grangers of the United States have over $18,000,000 invested in their various enterprises.

A 17-year old lad of Parsonfield, Me., named Staples, came near bleeding to death after the extraction of a tooth.

A subterranean cataract has been discovered in a mammoth cave of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

What a popular man the town clerk of Leroy, N. Y., must be! He has been elected for 50 consecutive terms.

It is alleged that seven thousand Indians around Fort Sill are starving, and an outbreak is apprehended.

It is claimed that revenue frauds have been unearthed in San Francisco, amounting to about seven million dollars per annum.

Thirty-four Governments will be represented at Philadelphia.

Is there a word in the English language which contains all the vowels? Unquestionably.

A French piano maker will send to the Centennial an upright piano, which can be converted into a bookcase, desk, cabinet, or sofa.

The elopement of a man with his mother-in-law is reported in Lansing, Mich. Thus does a new danger threaten connubial happiness.

The Massachusetts building at the Centennial will be carpeted free of charge by a Boston firm.

The Nebraska Supreme court decides that railroad companies are liable for damage caused by prairie fires set by their engines.

Another centennial elm came to grief at Sing Sing N. Y., last week, being wrecked by a gale. It was 101 years old and a portly specimen.

The highest clerical salary paid in New York is that paid to Rev. Morgan Dix, of Trinity church, who receives $15,000 a year.

The Iowa House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting the killing of prairie chickens for exportation.

The Tremont Temple Sunday school has 11,000 members which makes it the largest Sunday school in New England.

Intemperance is the ruling vice of Japan. Few Japanese are fit for business in the evening, and in the afternoon drunkenness is very prevalent.

The Swedish booth in the main Centennial building at Philadelphia bears on its front the word "Snickerifadrick," which means "wood working establishment."

France makes 640,000 dolls every year, many of them wonderful pieces of mechanism. England furnishes the rag dolls, and Germany the wax and china heads.

Belknap's impeachment trial is to begin a week from next Monday. The articles of impeachment were presented to the Senate Tuesday.

A Warning to Wives.—T. L. D. Ball of Newark, N. J., committed suicide the other day, and left a letter saying he had been driven to it by the way his wife goaded him for money to supply her extravagant desires, even keeping him awake at night, harassing him about dress.

Mrs. Mercy Pittsley of Freetown, who died recently, had thirteen children, eleven of whom were living at her death, seventy-one grandchildren and eighty-nine great-grandchildren. One of her daughters had fifteen children and anther thirteen. About one hundred relatives were at her funeral.

A girl in Richmond on a recent Sunday recited the whole of the Psalms and a part of Ecclesiastes, 4,000 verses in all, which she had committed during the week previous. The Sunday before she recited 2,000 verses, comprising the Epistles to the Romans, Galatians, Philippians, and one or two others.

A cat belonging to Nathan Wilson of Langdon recently got upon his bed and waked him by scratching. Thrown off, it immediately returned and renewed its demonstrations, until Mr. Wilson got up and found the house on fire about the fireplace, just in time to save the house and family.

A negro woman in Texas was lately struck by a meteor while riding along a highway at night, her clothing burnt off, and otherwise so badly injured that she died the next day. She said a ball of fire struck her in the breast, and a boy corroborated her story.

Over thirty Brooklyn clergymen responded last Saturday to invitations to perform a marriage ceremony at one of the hotels. It was the first day of April, you know. Beecher was about the only one that wasn't fooled.

Isaac L. Page, of Chelsea, Me., murdered his wife last Saturday morning, and then attempted suicide. There seems to be no question but that he was insane, and he was taken to an insane asylum.

William S. Gray, who defrauded Wall street operators out of $600,000 in 1869 by forgeries, has been arrested in London, and will be extradited—perhaps.

Chicago is on the verge of bankruptcy, and an extra session of the Legislature is talked of to devise means for her relief.

The schooner Helen J. Holway, from Cienfuegos for Boston, went ashore Tuesday, on Fire Island. Six men were drowned.

Japan is the journalists' Eden. The Mikado has recently decreed that they shall not be required to pay any postage hereafter.

Renne's Pain-Killing Magic Oil is kept by families who know its value in case of emergency, and its use saves them money, besides curing colic, sprains, headache, and other pains so promptly.

All who suffer from dropsy and kidney disease can be cured by using Hunt's Remedy, the great Kidney Medicine, purely vegetable, and used daily by our best physicians in their practice.

If our readers want to get goods cheap in the line of millinery and ladies' furnishing goods, let them try Malley & Costello, at the "Monitor," Springfield. They say they buy their goods as low as A. T. Stewart does, and they mark all their goods in plain figures, so everybody can see just what they ask. See advertisement.

We looked, last week, over the parlor suits of Geo. A. Hunt, the Springfield furniture dealer, whose warerooms are opposite Haynes hotel, Springfield, and were surprised to see how extensive was the assortment and how elegant the quality of the goods, black walnut and mahogany woodwork and luxuriously upholstered and highly finished. The long rows of sofas, chairs, lambrequins, flower pots, &c., were a pleasant sight to see. Mr. Hunt has determined to sell his goods low for cash.

If any of our readers would like to take a trip to Springfield, they can save their fare and buy household furniture very low and from the largest stock in Western Massachusetts, by calling at the great house-furnishing ware rooms of Metcalf & Luther, opposite Court Square. A pleasant day's ride and more than 10 per cent. saved by purchasing your goods there.

"How artfully Shillingford trims his front windows!" said a lady reader, as she returned from Springfield the other day. "He does it elegantly, and all who attended his spring opening of millinery and fancy goods, last Wednesday, saw sights rare and beautiful." See his advertisement.

The ladies who visit Springfield are to be congratulated on the increased chances they are to have, this season, for their spring shopping, which is undoubtedly the pleasantest task of the year for the fair creatures. The heavy goods of winter, no doubt, abundantly satisfy their desire for spending money, but it is in the dry goods of this season, the light, airy, gossamer goods that the dear beings can exercise their taste without exceeding their allowances, and produce those effects of toilet which men admire, without analyzing. We were specially impressed with this as we walked through the mammouth store of McKnight, Norton & Hawley, just occupied by them, at the corner of Main and bridge streets. This building is as commodious and well arranged inside as it is original and becoming without, and it is a great credit to its young architects, Gardner & Ferre. The shape of the lot, 30 feet in front by 200 deep, would seem to make it difficult to secure an abundance of light, but the architects have succeeded admirably. Nearly the whole front of the first floor is of glass, a court in the middle of the building admits a skylight, and in the rear half there are windows near the ceiling lighted from a passage way that will not be closed, even when the adjoining lot is built upon. The entrance to the store being from each side, the whole center is reserved for an elegant and spacious show window. A row of counters runs down each side, the office being in the center of the north side, and a row of counters and tables will occupy the center. The rear end of the store will be used for shawls, and the dress goods will occupy the shelves on one side, and linens and cotton goods the other, and fancy goods the front part of the store. All the modern appurtenances of a dry goods store are furnished, a waiting-room for customers and a dark-room where the effect of gas-light on the various kinds of goods can be shown. The second floor is occupied by John D. McKnight's carpet store, and is as large as the first floor below, excepting the space occupied by the sky-light. McKnight, Norton & Hawley have built up probably the largest dry goods business in that city, and their reputation for fair dealing and low prices has extended up and down the Connecticut valley, from Bellows Falls to New Haven. They are now in the best lighted and most commodious store in that city, and have filled it with a very heavy stock of dry goods, dress goods, and staple articles for the spring trade.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—APRIL 9th.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON.

The Day of Pentecost—Acts II, 1-11.

Verse 1. "Day of Penteeost." A seven weeks' festival was kept, the time of it being reckoned from the second day of the Passover, "the morrow after the Sabbath," to the morrow after the completion of the seventh week, which would be the fiftieth day. Pentecost means fiftieth. This then was Sunday, May 28th, A. D. 30. "Was fully come." The long festival of the completion of the harvest was now reaching its close. It was the year of Christ's death. Having fallen into the ground and died, He on this day began to bring forth much fruit. "They were all with one aecord." "They" were the Apostles, the one hundred and twenty mentioned in 1:15 and probably some of those gathered together in Jerusalem from other towns. "In one place." Probably some private house.

V. 2. "Suddeniy." This fulfillment of the Lord's promise was evidently unexpeeted at the time. "A sound." The sign attending the outpouring of the Spirit was manifest to the ear, and was audible (v. 6) in the city at a distanee from the spot. "From heaven." It came down to the earth from heaven. "As of a wind," etc. It was not a wind, but is sinply *compared* to a vehement wind. The sound was loud, and *like* that of a blast or gust.

V. 3. "There appeared." Two external signs were manifest—a sound for the ear and a light for the eye. The latter was not a fire but only resembled it. It did not burn nor singe. "Cloven tongues." The luminous manifestation parted and distributed itself, a tongue-like, flame-like appearance resting on each one present. "These audible and visible signs may be regarded as the sensuous garment which the power of the Spirit assumed." They heralded His coming. They were emblems e. g. of His vast power.

V. 4. "Filled with the Holy Ghost." This was a final, complete and permanent endowment by the Spirit. Heneeforth the disciples were uninterruptedly led or drawn by Him. "Began to speak with other tongues." The mighty internal proeess and revolution was made manifest externally. In their use of foreign languages they prefigured the sanetified human race of all languages who in a future age shall be brought to glorify God and His Anointed.

V. 6. "When this was noised abroad," i. e. when this sound issued forth and eame to the dwellers in the city. "Multitude came." The disciples may have eome out into the street, or the house they were in may have been in proximity to some public square.

Vv. 9-11. The list here embraces fifteen countries from which individuals were present. The reader is conducted from the northeast to the west, then to the south, and last to the west. The speaking of the disciples seems to have been in brief utterances or effusions of the powerful emotions of their hearts, by which they were impelled to praise God for His wonderful and gracious deeds. The manifestation of the Spirit through the medium of other dialects and languages, however, was miraculous in its character. But it needs all human tongues to publish and glorify the deeds of the Saviour of men.

THE well-known wholesale dealers in millinery, Chapin, Wooster & Co., of Springfield, have opened this spring a retail store at 316 Main street, opposite the Union office. Their spring opening occurred Wednesday and Thursday, and they claim to sell at retail lower than has ever been known in Springfield. See announcement in another column.

WE did not know that so great a stock of paper hangings, curtains, etc., were kept in Springfield by any one house till we had visited the great store of D. Warner's Sons & Co. In additiou to the beautiful lines of wall paper and curtains, which gives them so great a reputation, they have a choice variety of table oil cloths, room and cornice mouldings. They keep a splendid stock of materials for making wax flowers and the very best of artists' materials. It is a pleasure to look over their patterns and designs. Such exquisite styles prevail this spring. Our readers who may intend to visit Springfield will find there something that will make their rooms look neat and beautiful. While there it may be well to remember that this firm has a large store on Market street, where they sell paints oils and glass, for house-painting and glazing, and are perhaps the largest dealers in the city. Their paper hanging warehouse is opposite Court Sqnare. 6w52§

LYON'S KATHAIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-26

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica Nervous and Kidney Diseases positively cured by DR. FITLER'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY. ALLEN & COWAN, sole agents for Palmer. 1y51-25

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Cross and Sickly Children can be made healthy and strong by regulating their stomachs and bowels with Castoria. It is more effective than Castor Oil, and is as pleasant to take as honey. For Wind Colic, Sour Stomach, Worms and Costiveness, there is nothing in existence equal to it.

Why will you suffer from Rheumatism, Sprains, Stiff Joints, Swellings, Burns, Scalds or Weak Back, when the Centaur Liniment affords certain relief. Many articles soothe pain to a certain extent, but the Centaur Liniment CURES. The White Liniment is for the human family, the Yellow Liniment is for horses and animals. 13w37

Stop that Cough.—If everything has failed in your case, try Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. There is no pulmonary complaint which it will not cure or greatly relieve. As a remedy for all throat and lung diseases, cure for colds, croup, and preventive of consumption, it has no equal. Acts like a charm in whooping cough, sore throat and hoarseness. Contains no opium, and is pleasant to take. Trial bottles 10 cents. WILDER & BLOOD, sole agents for Ware. Call at their drug store and ask about it.—Smith, Doolittle & Smith, Boston, wholesale agents. 1y41-25

To Consumptives.—The advertiser, a retired physician, having providentially discovered, while a Medical Missionary in Southern Asia, a very simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of *Consumption*, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all throat and lung affections,—also, a positive and radical specific for Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all Nervous complaints, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the recipe for preparing, and full directions for successfully using, this providentially discovered remedy. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this discovery without cost, can do so by return mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, DR. CHARLES P. MARSHALL, 33 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y. 1y51

BORN.

At Monson, 25th ult., a son to LINDSLEY A. DEMING.
At Ludlow, 1st, a daughter to GILLEN D. ATKINSON.
At Enfield, 1st, a son (12 pounds) to A. R. HOUSE.
At Rochester, Minn., 28th ult., a son to LAUREN E. CRANE, formerly of Palmer.

MARRIED.

At Northampton, 30th ult., DWIGHT F. MARSH of Ware and CLARA N., daughter of A. W. Ayres.
At Ludlow, 2d, by Rev. N. H. Martin, HERBERT E. MILLER and ANNA R. NELSON.
At South Vernon, 25th ult., LEWIS M. ASHLEY of Amherst and JENNIE LAMPSON of Enfield.

DIED.

At Monson, 25th ult., infant son of LINDSLEY A. and HELEN E. DEMING.
At Ware, 1st, JONATHAN JOSLYN, 78.
At Enfield, 3d, CLARK SAMPSON, 73.
At Chicopee Falls, 31st ult., CHARLES H. SMITH, 48.
At Earlville, Ill., 22d ult., CYNTHIA, wife of Grant E. Fuller, formerly of Belchertown.

HOUSE TO RENT.—A small, comfortable house. Rent cheap. Enquire at the JOURNAL OFFICE.
Palmer, April 7, 1876.

NOTICE.—Having sold out, all persons indebted to me are requested to make prompt payment. O. W. STUDLEY.
Palmer, April 7th, 1876. 3w2

WANTED.—A canvasser in Palmer for

HUNT'S MONTHLY JOURNAL OF MUSIC.

Address HUNT'S BROS., Springfield.

NOTICE.—I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting my son, Mitchell Bishop, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting after this date. his
TUFFIELD ✕ BISHOP.
mark.
Witness, Geo. W. Randall.
Palmer, April 3, 1876. 3w2

EGGS!

From pure PLYMOUTH ROCK FOWLS (Spaulding Stock) for sale by G. W. BURDICK, Monson.

Also, 600 TONS of ICE for sale by G. W. BURDICK.
4w2*

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Having resigned my position with Haynes & Co., I take pleasure in informing my friends and customers that after this date I shall be found with the new clothing house of Elliott & Harris, where I shall be glad to meet all who may favor me with a call. M. L. STEBBINS,
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Waltham and Elgin, in Solid Silver cases, warranted good time-keepers, for $14 and upwards.
Also, in stock, a good line of Solid Gold and Plated Jewelry, Clocks, &c. Watch repairing a specialty.
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON SAVINGS BANK, at Monson, Mass., at close of business, Friday, March 31, 1876.

LIABILITIES.

Deposits,	$360,802.55
Interest,	6,004.89
	$366,807,44

RESOURCES.

Bank stock,	$39,234.50
Loans on bank stock,	15,848.94
Loans on real estate,	228,480.00
Loans on U. S. bonds,	2,000.00
Loans on personal security,	18,989.00
Loans to towns,	17,850.00
Loans to banks on call,	27,500.00
Railroad bonds,	4,615.00
Cash on hand,	12,290.00
	$366,807.44

An interest dividend at the rate of six per centum per annum is now payable.
E. F. MORRIS, Treasurer.
Monson, April 1, 1876. 1w2

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Eli Cross, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by Mary Cross and Elijah G. Murdock, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named.
You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.
And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.
SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
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NOTICE!

Having bought the Stock, Fixtures and Book Accounts of G. F. SHAW, Three Rivers, all persons indebted to said Shaw are called upon to make payment at once to

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HOSIERY, GLOVES, LACES,
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New Store!

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TIN AND WOODEN WARE.

The subscribers have in addition to their former stock, Paints, Oil and Glass, and would be pleased to show purchasers a line of goods at very low prices.
NAILS were never lower in price. Now about $2.60 per cask on gold basis.
We offer a fine 5-hole Range or Stove, only $17. An 8-inch Range, nickel plate trimmings, with warm closet and furniture, $24.
Look in Commercial Block, on Main street, for bottom prices, before spending your money.
C. A. BROWN & CO.
Palmer, April 1, 1876. 1tf

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Also, a BARN, with Lot.

Also, the ORCHARD LOT, so called.

For particulars inquire of TYLAR HAMILTON, on the premises, or of M. FOX, Commercial Block.
Palmer, March 25, 1876. 52tf

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A GOOD FAMILY HORSE, perfectly safe to be driven by women and children. Enquire at THIS OFFICE.
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And other goods in his line.

☞ All kinds of PLAIN and DECORATIVE Paper Hanging, Fresco Papering, Whitening, &c., done to order.
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14th, 1876.
Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Palmer National Bank," in the Town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.
Now, therefore, I, John Jay Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Palmer National Bank," in the town of Palmer, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.
In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 14th day of February, 1876.
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SINGULAR GEOLOGICAL FACT.—At Modena, in Italy, within a circle of four miles around the city, whenever the earth is dug and the workmen arrive at a distance of sixty-three feet, they come to a bed of chalk, which they bore with an auger, five feet deep. They then withdraw from the pit before the auger is removed, and upon its retraction the water bursts up with great violence, and quickly fills the well thus made, the supply of water being neither affected by rains or droughts. At the depth of fourteen feet are found the ruins of an ancient city, houses, paved streets and mason work. Below this is a layer of earth, and at twenty-six feet walnut trees are found entire, and with leaves and walnuts upon them. At twenty-eight feet soft chalk is found, and below this vegetables and trees.

GUARDING COUPONS.—A simple method of guarding against losses by the robbery of coupon bonds is to cut the entire sheet of coupons off and place it in one depository, while the body of the bond is kept in another. The bond without the coupons being unsalable, and the coupons being collectable only one by one as they mature, the thief who fails to secure both gains comparatively little by his crime, while the true owner, by proving title to the part which remains in his possession, has good ground for demanding from the company issuing the security a duplicate of the other. The plan is followed by numbers of capitalists already.

Scene at a Brooklyn wedding breakfast. Company all seated about the table. A pause in the general conversation. Happy husband, to his wife's seven-year-old sister at the other end of the room: "Well, Julie, you have a new brother now." Julie: "Yes, but mother said to papa the other day that she was afraid you would never amount to much, but that it seemed to be Sarah's last chance." Intense silence for a moment followed by a rapid play of knives and forks.

When you go to a theatair, where a fussy young ushair, with centrally parted hair and flowers in coat collair, seats you in a chair, which belongs to anothair who comes late in great angair, and with eyes of lurid glair, calls you an intrudair, rush to the managair, and after a gushing swair, he'll scalp that young ushair, with the centrally parted hair and the rosy coat collair.

A Pawnee aboriginal presented his big and stalwart form one December day at the house of a well-to-do family in Lincoln. The hostess pitied the savage, he being so poorly clad, and said: "Are you not cold this winter day?" He in turn inquired if her face was cold. She replied in the negative, whereupon he said: "Ingin is face all over."

Maria is a very popular name in Illinois. When a cat climbs a back fence in a well-populated neighborhood, and plaintively calls out "Maria!" twenty or thirty windows are hastily thrown up, from which potrude twenty or thirty feminine heads wildly answering "What?"

"Sir, you are a politieal thing!—a perambulating monument of meanness—a bankrupt in everything but check!" "Boss, I don't understand German, but I'll drink with you!" The difficulty was settled on that basis.

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A man who contracted a debt of $1143, promised to pay it in two installments. Last week he forwarded $11, and promised to send the other $43 as soon as the times got better.

A fat doe was discovered in Lake Erie recently floating on a cake of ice twelve feet square, two miles from the shore. Two men rowed out to her and strangled her.

The Massachusetts Board of Health has made the alarming discovery that most of the inhabitants of the State, above five years of age, eat pie twice a day.

There are said to be in St. Louis County, Missouri, unmarried females who own property worth an aggregate of $18,000,000. Where are the young men of that region?

Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell of Branch, Mich., were to celebrate their golden wedding on the 7th inst., but in the morning the good wife was found dead in her bed.

The Worcester Agricultural Society has voted to reduce its premium list fifty per cent. except in the item of trotting horses.

A lady in Keene, N. H., recently gave birth to a healthy and well formed child that weighed but two pounds.

It is alleged that the Czar of Russia will soon practically retire from the management of public affairs.

Bloomington, Ill., the fifth city in size in the state, has a lady as superintendent of city schools.

A Chicagoan was arrested while following his wife to the grave, for passing a counterfeit bill.

Three Fall River policemen have been suspended within a few weeks for drunkenness.

In order to hold government office in Germany one must have a university education.

California is going to try public whipping as a punishment for wife beating.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's orange grove in Florida paid her $1,300 last year.

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Our Father's house, where there's no night;
And my heart is thrilling to the joyous sound,
To the land of rest—we are homeward bound.

And I think each night, when the day is o'er,
I am nearer home than the day before;
And softly I say in my evening prayer,
I am nearer the land where the ransomed are;
And there comes o'er my heart a holy spell;
We are homeward bound, where the dear ones dwell.

We are hastening away from the beautiful earth,
With its holy friendships of priceless worth;
From its joy and sorrow, its hope and fear,
Its beaming smile, or gathering tear;
Its pearly gates are opening wide—
We are homeward bound, on an ebbing tide—

We are floating away from the care and strife,
From the din and bustle, and tumult of life,
Where temptation and sin are known no more,
And sorrow and pain forever are o'er—
To the Eden of love our souls have found,
With freighted barks, we are homeward bound.

It comes o'er my heart like a blessed Psalm,
Bidding its troubled waves be calm,
And its sound a sweeter music tells
Than vesper chimes, or Sabbath bells;
Floating my whole life journey round,
Is the blessed truth, we are homeward bound.

THE OLD BOARD FENCE.

"Shoo, shoo, get home you plaguy critters!" cried Mr. Babcock, waving his arms as he chased a dozen sheep and lambs through a gap in the fence.

It was a wooden fence, and when he had succeeded in driving the animals the other side of it, he lifted it from its reclining position and propped it up with stakes. This was an operation he had found himself obliged to repeat many times in the course of the season, and not only that season, but several previous seasons.

Yet Mr. Babcock was neither slack nor thriftless; in fact, he rather prided himself on the orderly appearance of his farm, and not without reason. How then shall we account for his negligence in this particular instance.

The truth was that this fence formed the boundary line between his estate and that of Mr. Small; and three generations of men who owned these estates had been unable to decide to whom it belonged to rebuild and keep it in repair. If the owners had chanced to be men of peaceful dispositions, they would have compromised the matter and avoided a quarrel; but if on the contrary, they belonged to that much larger class who would sooner sacrifice their own comfort and convenience than their so-called rights, this fence would have been a source of unending biekerings and strife.

And of this class were the present owners. Again and again they had consulted their respective lawyers on the subject, and dragged from their hiding places musty old deeds and records, but always with the same result.

"I say it belongs to you to keep it in repair; that's as plain as a pike-staff," Mr. Babcock would say.

"And I say it belongs to you; any fool might see that," Mr. Small would reply, and then high words would follow, and they would part in anger, more determined and obstinate than ever. The lawyers' fees and the loss by damages from each other's cattle had already amounted to a sum sufficient to have built a fence around their entire estates, but what was that compared to the satisfaction of having their own way?

There were not wanting in their neighborhood peace-makers who would gladly have settled the affair by arbitration, but to this neither of the belligerents would listen for a moment.

At last, one day, Miss Letitia Gill, a woman much respected in the village, and of some weight as a land owner and taxpayer, sent for Mr. Babcock to come and see her on business—a summons which he made haste to obey, as how could it be otherwise where a lady was concerned.

Miss Letitia sat at her window sewing a seam, but she dropped her work and took off her spectacles when Mr. Babcock made his appearance.

"So you got my message; thank you for coming, I'm sure. Sit down, do. I suppose my man Isaac told you I wanted to consult you on a matter of business—a matter of equity, I may say. It can't be expected that we women folks should be the best judges about such things, you know; there's Isaac, to be sure, but then he lives on the place, and may be he wouldn't be exactly impartial in his judgment about our affairs."

"Jes' so," said Mr. Babcock.

"Well, the state of the case is this: when Isaac came up from the long meadow to dinner—they're mowing the meadow to-day, and an uncommonly good yield there is—when he came up to dinner, he found that stray cows had broken into the vegetable garden."

"He did, hey?"

"You can fancy the riot they made. I declare Isaac was almost ready to use profane language. I'm not sure that he didn't say 'deuce,' and I'm certain he did say 'darn;' and, after all, I couldn't feel to reproach him very severely, for the pains he has taken with that garden is something amazing; working in it, Mr. Babcock, early and late, weeding and digging and watering, and now to see it all torn and trampled so that you wouldn't know which was beets and which was cucumbers—its enough to raise any boy's temper."

"It is so," said Mr. Babcock.

"And that isn't all, for by the looks of things they must have been rampaging in the orchard and clover field before they got into the garden. Just you come and see;" and putting on her sun bonnet, Miss Letitia showed Mr. Babcock over the damaged precincts.

"You don't happen to know whose animals did the mischief?" said Mr. Babcock.

"Well, I didn't observe them in particular myself, but Isaac said there was one with a peculiar white mark, something like a cross on its haunch."

"Why, that's Small's old brindle," cried Mr. Babcock. "I know the mark as well as I know the nose on my face. She had balls on her horns, didn't she?"

"Yes, so Isaac said."

"And a kind of hump on her back?"

"A perfect dromedary," said Miss Letitia. I noticed that myself."

"They were Small's cows, no doubt of it at all," said Mr. Babcock, rubbing his hands. "No sheep with them hey!"

"Well, now I think of it, there were sheep—they ran away as soon as they saw Isaac. Yes, certainly, they were sheep," said Miss Letitia.

"I knew it—they always go with the cows; and what of me——?"

"It's to fix the damages," said Miss Letitia. "As I said before, women folks are no judges about such matters."

Mr. Babcock meditated a moment and then said:

"Well, I wouldn't take a cent less than seventy-five dollars if I were you, not a cent."

"Seventy-five dollars! Isn't that a good deal, Mr. Babcock? You know I don't wish to be hard on the poor man; all I want is a compensation for the mischief done."

"Seventy-five dollars is fair, ma'am—in fact, I might say its low. I wouldn't have a herd of cattle and sheep tramping through my premises in that way for a hundred.

There's one thing I forgot to state; the orchard gate was open, or they couldn't have got in; that may make a difference."

"Not a bit—not a bit. You'd a right to have your gate open, but Small's cows had no right to run loose. I hope Isaac drove them to the pound, didn't he?"

"I heard him say he'd shut 'em up somewhere, and didn't mean to let 'em out till the owner calls for 'em. But, Mr. Babcock, what if he should refuse to pay the damages? I should have to go to law about it."

"He won't refuse; if he does, keep the critters till he will pay. As to law, I guess he's had about enough of that."

"I'm sure I thank you for your advice," said Miss Letitia, "and I mean to act upon it to the very letter."

Scarcely was he out of sight when Miss Letitia sent a summons for Mr. Small, which he obeyed as promptly as his neighbor had done.

She made to him precisely the same statement she had made to Mr. Babcock, showed him the injured property, and asked him to fix the damages. It was remarkable before he did this that he should ask the same question Mr. Babcock had asked, namely, whether she had any suspicion to whom the animals belonged.

"Well, one of them I observed had a terribly crooked horn."

"Precisely—it's Babcock's heifer; I should know her among a thousand. She was black and white, wasn't she?"

"Well, now I think of it, she was; one seldom sees so clear a black and white on a cow."

"To be sure they're Babcock's animals fast enough. Well, let me see; what you want is just a fair estimate, I suppose?"

"Certainly."

"Well, I should say ninety dollars was as low as he ought to be allowed to get off with."

"Oh, but I fear that will seem as if I meant to take advantage. Suppose we call it—say seventy-five dollars."

"Just as you please, of course; but hanged if I'd let him off for a cent less than one hundred, if it were my case."

"And if he refuses to pay?"

"Why keep the animal till he comes round that's all."

"But there's one thing I neglected to mention—our gate was standing open; that may alter the case."

"Not at all; there's no law against keeping your gate open; there is against stray animals."

"Very well; thank you for your advice," said Miss Letitia; and Mr. Small departed with as smiling a countenance as Mr. Babcock had worn.

But at milking time that night he made a strange discovery; old brindle was missing! At about the same hour Mr. Babcock made a similar discovery; the black and white heifer was nowhere to be found. A horrible suspicion seized them both—a suspicion which they would not have made known to each other for the world.

They waited till it was dark, and then Mr. Babcock stole around to Miss Letitia's and meekly asked to look at the animals which had committed the trespass. He would have done it without asking leave, only that thrifty Miss Letitia always shut the barn doors at night.

While he stood looking over into the pen where the cows were confined, and trying to negotiate with Miss Letitia for the release of the heifer, along came Mr. Small in quest of his brindle. The two men stared at each other for an instant in blank dismay, then hung their heads in confusion.

It was useless to assert that the damages were too high, for had they not fixed themselves? It was useless to plead that Miss Letitia was in a manner responsible for what had happened, on account of the open gate, for had they not assured her that that circumstance did not alter the case? It was useless to say that she had no right to keep the cows in custody, for had they not counseled her so? As to going to law about it, would they not thus became sport of the whole town?

"He that diggeth a pit, he himself shall fall into it," said Miss Letitia, who read what was passing in their minds as well as if they had spoken, for the light of Isaac's lantern fell full on their faces. "However, on one condition I will free the cows and forgive the debt."

"What is that?" Both thought the question, but did not ask it.

"The condition is, that you promise to put a good new fence in place of the old one that separates your estates, dividing the cost between you, and that henceforth you will live together peaceably so far as in you lies. Do you promise?"

"Yes," muttered both, in a voice scarcely audible.

"Shake hands upon it, then," said Miss Letitia.

They did so.

"Now let the cows out, Isaac; it's time they were milked," said she. And the two men went away, driving their cows before them, and with a shame-faced air greatly in contrast to the look of triumph with which they before had quitted her presence.

The fence was built, and the strife ceased when the cause was removed, but it was long before Miss Letitia's part in the affair came to the public ear; for she herself maintained a strict silence concerning it, and she enjoined the same upon her man servant, Isaac.

Take warning, ye chewers of the gum. A young woman in Westfield suffered a severe attack of lockjaw a few days ago, in which the jaws were set for more than half an hour, and the attending physician gave it as his opinion that the disease was the result of a long and daily practice of chewing gum.

In the days of our fathers, when a man suddenly left the community, they used to drag neighboring ponds and examine all available hanging places in the vicinity. Now-a-days, the first steps are to examine his bank account.

The wives of India no longer burn themselves to death when a husband dies. Christianity has taught them that it is better to settle up the estate and go for another man.

HOW HE WOUND HIS WATCH.

A day or two since Mr. Shaw, time keeper of the Consolidated Virginia mine, found a watch lying in the snow, where it had evidently been dropped by some one working in or about the mine. Mr. Shaw wrote a notice to that effect, posting it by the side of the window to which they came to give in their names going on or coming off their shafts. Several men called and described what was according to their ideas a "valuable watch," nearly all making it gold, with a fine chain of the same metal. Some set a number of beautiful pieces of gold qartz into the links of the chain. At last a little Frenchman came to the window and said: "You find one vatch, Mistair Shaw?"

"Yes, sir," said Shaw. "Have you lost a watch?"

"Yes, sare, me have lose mo one vatch."

"Can you describe it?"

"Oh, yes, sare, me can describe him ver' perfec'ly."

"Well, what was it like?"

"My vatch he vas a silver vatch."

"Very good. What kind of eases?"

"Vell, he have he's face wide open."

"What kind of chain?"

"One leetle brass shain."

"What kind of key was on the chain?"

"Vell, no key be on ze shain. He have no key at all. I wind him by ze tail."

The watch was a stem winder, and the Frenchman had given a perfect description of it, even down to "ze tail."

A CLOCK THAT REGULATES THE GIRLS.—A watchmaker has invented a patent compenso-retarding-accelerating clock for use in families where they keep unmarried daughters in stock. If the young man is of an eligible sort the retarding attachment is turned on and the clock compounds with old Time at eighty minutes to the hour, so that at 1 A. M. the next morning it only indicates about 11.05 P. M. the night before, and the young woman is perfectly justified in saying, "O, don't! it is early yet," when the young man reaches for his hat. On the other hand, if he should not be desirable, they just shove up the indicator to boiling point, and at half-past nine it is nearly two o'clock. The patentee, easting himself upon the generosity of a discerning public, invites patrons to increase the efficiency of his invention by judicious yawns and remarks, as "Dear me! How the time does fly," and in extreme cases an admirable effect may be produced by the father coming in with a bed-room candlestick, saying "Good night, Amanda. Before you go to bed see that when the girl gets up in the morning she leaves out the milk pitcher." No family should be without it.

A WIFE'S POWER.—A good wife is to a man wisdom, strength, and courage; a bad one is confusion, weakness and despair. No condition is hopeless to a man where the wife possesses firmness, decision and economy. There is no outward propriety which can counteract indolence, extravagance and folly at home. No spirit can long endure bad influence. Man is strong; but his heart is not adamant. He needs a tranquil home, and especially if he is an intelligent man, with a whole head, he needs its moral force in the conflict of life. To recover his composure home must be a place of peace and comfort. There his soul renews its strength and goes forth with renewed vigor to encounter the labor and troubles of life. But if at home he finds no rest and there is met with bad temper, jealousy and gloom, or assailed with complaints and censure, hope vanishes and he sinks into despair.

ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION.—Mr. Paraf has, to a certain extent, solved the problem of artificial irrigation by a discovery of a method of doing without rain. His plan is to apply calcium-chloride, which has a powerful affinity for moisture, and absorbs a large quantity from the atmosphere. From actual experiments he has found that it will produce irrigation more efficiently and cheaper than any other artificial method. One application will, he states, produce abundant moisture for three days, when the same amount of water, applied in the ordinary way, would evaporate in an hour. The inventor believes that his way is cheaper than canal irrigation, and that not only by its use two blades of grass will be produced where only one is now, but that it will make it possible to have fields, meadows, grass and prosperity where now there is nothing but sand and desert waste.

STRIPED STOCKINGS.—He was a gentleman of perhaps sixty years of age, a professed Christian of steady habits. He stood upon the corner of the street several hours during last Wednesday (Wednesday was a windy day). Our curios was a little excited, and we ventured to ask why he lingered. Drawing himself up to a full height he heaved a sigh—a real sigh—and said, "R——, there were no striped stockings in my boyhood days. I was born too soon. Sixty summers have come and gone, my observation has been extensive and varied, but the care that a young lady takes to show the striped stockings of the present day exceeds anything I have ever seen, and they look really beautiful, don't they?"

A certain person, who is also a schoolteacher, handed a problem to his class in mathematics, the other day. The first boy took it, looked at it a while, and said, "I pass." Second boy took it and said: "I turn it down." The third boy stared at it awhile and drawled out: "I can't make it." "Very good, boys," said the parson; "we will proceed to cut for a new deal." And the switch cut like lightning over the shoulders of those depraved mathematicians.

In a street car, yesterday, a man's breath smelled so strongly of whiskey that a gentleman moved across the car to get out of the circle. "Any zing wrong?" asked the drunkard, as he observed the change. "Nothing, except your breath smells of whiskey enough to knock a horse over!" "'Spect she does—she does," was the candid reply, "but you don't 'spect poor man like me can buy cologne and whiskey too, do you?"

Toward the close of a ball in Paris the other night, a young lady who was passionately fond of dancing, was asked by her mother to prepare for the carriage. "Only this last waltz," entreated the young girl, and she glided away with her partner. Suddenly he cried out in horror. The young girl had died while in his arms, and he was waltzing with a corpse.

Never say "kid gloves." Either "kids" or "gloves." Etiquette demands this.

Frogs at School

Twenty froggies went to school
Down beside a rushy pool:
Twenty little coats of green,
Twenty vests, all white and clean.
"We must be in time," said they;
"First we study, then we play;
That is how we keep the rule
When we froggies go to school."

Master Bullfrog, grave and stern,
Called the classes in their turn;
Taught them how to nobly strive,
Likewise how to leap and dive;
From his seat upon the log,
Showed them how to say "Ker-chog!"
Also how to dodge a blow
From the sticks which bad boys throw.

Twenty froggies grew up fast;
Bullfrogs they became at last;
Not one dunce among the lot,
Not one lesson they forgot;
Polished in a high degree,
As each froggie ought to be;
Now they sit on other logs,
Teaching other little frogs.

RISING IN THE WORLD.

Experience continually contradicts the notion that a poor young man cannot rise. If we look over the list of rich men, we find that nearly all of them began life worth little or nothing. To any person familiar with the millionaries of the United States a score of examples will occur. On the other hand, the sons of rich men, who began life with the capital which so many poor young men covet, frequently die beggars. It would probably not be going too far to say that a large majority of such moneyed individuals either fail outright or gradually eat up the capital with which they commence their career.

And the reason is plain. Brought up in expenso habits, they spend entirely too much. Educated with high notions of personal importance, they will not, as they phrase it, stoop to hard work. Is it astonishing, therefore, that they are passed in the race of life by others with less capital originally, but more energy, thrift and industry? For these virtues, after all, are worth more than money. They make money in fact. Nay, after it is made, they enable the possessor to keep it, which most rich men pronounce to be more difficult than the making. The young man who begins life with a resolution always to lay by a part of his income is sure, even without extraordinary ability, gradually to acquire a sufficiency, especially as habits of economy, which the resolution renders necessary, will make that a competence for him which would be quite insufficient for an extravagant person. It is really what we save, more than what we make, which leads us to fortune. He who enlarges his expenses as fast as his earnings increase must always be poor, no matter what his abilities. And content may be had on comparatively little. It is not in luxurious living that men find real happiness.—*Scientific American.*

A correspondent of the N. E. Farmer writes: The greatest mistake that a farmer can make is, to allow his manure to remain exposed to the air and water, under the eaves of his barn, instead of being securely placed under cover, and then kept from the action of the weather. A covering over the manure heap is easy to build, and any farmer can do it. The amount of money to be paid out for material will not amount to much, and will be many times returned in the increased worth of the manure.

The peach tree usually fails to be profitable at twelve to fifteen years of age, and the cherry and plum average only twenty to thirty years; the pear, in favorable circumstances, forty to fifty years—in rare cases, a much longer time; so, also, the apple tree has its natural limit. Injury by severe cold blackening all the wood is a very common cause of the premature failure of orchards; but starvation in consequence of exhaustion of the soil is still more common.

"Bathe every day!" exclaimed the widow Smashpipes, as she dropped the flat-iron upon the horseshoe, and looked her neighbor Snubs right in the eye. "Why, you don't say so! I never used to think of stripping my Jeems, and giving him a right good wash, but four times a year; onst in the spring, onst in the summer, onst in the fall, and onst in the winter. Howsomdever, some children ketch dirt sooner than others.

A Charlotte, N. C., paper says that a freedman of that city approached a citizen the other day and asked him if he would accept an office. "Fur," said the sable voter, "we niggers want somebody for Mayor, what'll let the cows run loose, what'll let the bar-rooms stay open on Sunday, and what'll let de gamblers raise—— every night if dey want to, an' you is just de man dat we want."

The girls at Vassar are to sweep the field at base-ball, next summer. Their uniforms are said to be very pretty. The dress is short; that is, it clears the ground neatly, and generally is of gray, or some other neutral color. The jackets are blue, purple, or red, and the caps jaunty little affairs, with the initials of the club in front.

The following "estray" notice was sent to one of the Denver Sheriff's officers: "Rund away—1 red and vite caf. His tu behint leg vas plack, he vas a she caf. Enipotti vot bring him pack pais 5 tollar.

JACOB ZUDERRING,
Clear Creek, tree miles pehind te bridge."

One morning a little four-year old boy lay awake in his crib. His head seemed to be stopped with a cold. After vainly struggling for a while to clear it he exclaimed: "Mamma, what is the matter with one side of my nose? It won't go."

"Probably one of the most trying times in a man's life," says one who has experienced it, "is when he introduces his second wife, 17 years old, to his daughter, who is past 20."

A Fitchburg woman applied to the town overseers for help. They sent her a bag of meal, but she scolded at them, saying: "What is one bag of meal to fat two large hogs with?"

If you would pass for more than your value, say little. It is easier to look wise than to talk wise.

It is estimated that bedquilts enough have been sent to the centennial exhibition to cover the whole State of Pennsylvania.

A man can borrow trouble without giving security.

A patient lot of men—the job printers.

THE BELLS OF LIMERICK.

The old bells that hung in the tower of the Limerick cathedral was made by a young Italian after many years of patient toil. He was proud of his work, and when they were purchased by the Prior of a neighboring convent, near the Lake of Como, the artist invested the profits of the sale in a pretty villa on the margin of the lake, where he could hear their *Angelus* music wafted from the convent cliff across the waters at morning, noon and night. Here he intended to pass his life; but this happiness was denied him. In one of those feudal broils which, whether civil or foreign, are the undying worm in a fallen land, he suffered the loss of his all; and when the storm passed he found himself without home, family, friends and fortune. The convent had been razed to the ground, and the *chefs d' œuvre* of his handiwork, the tuneful chime whose music had charmed his listening ear for so many happy days of his past life, had been carried away to a foreign land. He became a wanderer. His hair grew white and his heart withered before he again found a resting-place. In all these years of bitter desolation the memory of the music of his bells never left him; he heard it in the forest and in the crowded city, on the sea, and by the banks of the quiet stream in the basin of the hills; he heard it by day, and when night came, and troubled sleep, it whispered to him soothingly of peace and happiness. One day he met a mariner from over the sea, who told him a story of a wondrous chime of bells he had heard in Ireland. An intuition told the artist that they were his bells. He journeyed and voyaged thither, sick and weary, and sailed up the Shannon. The ship came to anchor in the the port near Limerick, and he took passage in a small boat for the purpose of reaching the city. Before him the tall steeple of St. Mary's lifted its turreted head above the mist and smoke of the old town. He leaned back wearily, yet with a happy light beaming from his eyes. The angels were whispering to him that his bells were there. He prayed: "Oh, let them sound me a loving welcome. Just one note of greeting, O, bells! and my pilgrimage is done?" It was a beautiful evening. The air was like that of his own Italy in the sweetest time of the year, the death of the Spring. The bosom of the river was like a broad mirror, reflecting the patines of bright gold that flecked the blue sky, the towers, and the streets of the old town in its clear depth. The lights of the city danced upon the wavelets that rippled from the boat as she glided along. Suddenly the stillness was broken. From St. Mary's there came a shower of silver sound, filling the air with music. The boatmen rested on their oars to listen. The old Italian crossed his arms and fixed his streaming eyes upon the tower. The sound of his bells bore to his heart all the sweet memories of his buried past; home, friends, kindred, all. At last he was happy—too happy to speak—too happy to breathe. When the rowers sought to arouse him, his face was upturned to the tower, but his eyes were closed. The poor stranger had breathed his last. His own *chefs-d' œuvre* had rung his "passing bell."—*Harper's Magazine.*

Brown and black are the only fast colors in book-binding cloth. Red, green and blue are the next nearest to fast colors. In calf binding, yellow or tan is the only color that will not fade. It wears best. Blue calf wears and rubs white. Purple and wine colors fade very quickly if exposed to light. Claret is greatly superior to the last-named, and is nearly fast.

That North Carolina dog who courageously guarded the entrance to his mistress' domicile against intruders, while she was burning up inside, has been purchased by a resident of Delancy street, New York, whose mother-in-law is given to smoking a pipe while in bed.

"What's usee play poker," remarked an almond-eyed denizen of Tueson, Nev., the other day. "Me hold four klings and a lace; Meliean man hold all same time four laces and a kling; whole week washee gone likee woodbine."

Old lady (holding a very small cabbage)—What! ten cents for such a small cabbage! I never heard of such a thing. Polite grocer's clerk—Yes, ma'am; but it's because of the Centennial, ma'am. There's so many furriners a-comin' that smokes, cabbages is riz.

A Detroit woman who got $1700 from that city for breaking her leg in a sidewalk hole a while ago, broke her leg again in the same way a day or two ago. She says if she had seven more legs she should be perfectly happy.

New Castle, Del., will be the headquarters of a party of Massachusetts excursionists, who are to go there in a schooner from Massachusetts, and will run up to Philadelphia occasionally to Centennialize.

A man who contracted a debt of $1143 promised to pay it in two instalments. Last week he forwarded $11, and promised to send the other $43 as soon as times got better.

Lucy (to her elder sister, who has just been relating a thrilling episode in the life of William Tell: "And was the little boy allowed to eat the apple afterwards.—*Punch.*

A Dakota wood-chopper turned his coat wrong side out to scare a bear. The bear took the coat off and a good deal of hide with it.

"That," said the tramp, "is the top buckwheat; it has been used to keep the others warm, and I don't eat no coverlids." So he laid it one side.

Upward of a hundred foremen from the workshops of France will attend the Centennial Exhibition purposely to study American industrial progress.

Of the million dollars worth of English paintings to be exhibited at the Centennial, five pictures are the personal property of Queen Victoria.

The old Liberty bell is to be placed in a pavilion in Independence square, Philadelphia, which is to be erected for the purpose at a cost of $2500.

About 300 of the 1200 Centennial policemen have been selected. There will be three police-station houses within the enclosure.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1873.

Spring has certainly come. Milliners are displaying their finery in the windows, organs are heard in the streets, and that dreadful nuisance, house-cleaning, has commenced.

Travelers from the Pacific slope mention that in the valley of Sacramento grass is knee high, and as they ascend the Nevada mountains snow is one hundred feet deep in the gulches, and from four to twelve feet deep on a level. That is a country of extremes.

It looks now as if Gen. Schenck might go back to the English mission. The President has offered the position to a prominent gentleman, who has declined, and now, unless the Committee on Foreign Affairs report adversely concerning Schenck, he will return to London.

Now the democrats and independents—and there is little difference between the two—are trying to smirch Blaine by reporting that he had received $69,000 from the Union Pacific Railroad Company for favors rendered or expected. The story, however, is shown to be a wicked lie, but that makes no difference with those who are circulating it.

Fast Day, as a day of fasting and prayer, after the old New England fashion, has gone out of style, and instead of observing the occasion as recommended by gubernatorial proclamation, it is generally observed in anything but a humble and prayerful manner. It may be well to keep up the custom of the Puritans out of respect to their virtues, but few are much benefitted by observing it in the unreverential style of this generation.

The Republican suggests an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Springfield this year, to which all the towns of which she is the mother be invited. We proposed to go one better than this sometime ago, with the idea that all the towns in each county unite at their county seat in grand celebrations, each town sending delegations to represent their respective localities, and the whole people, as far as possible, participating in the event.

Congress is again tinkering the postage laws. The Senate has passed a bill which allows packages of not more than four pounds in weight to pass through the mails at the rate of one cent an ounce, or fractional part thereof. Transient newspapers and magazines may be sent at the rate of one cent for every three ounces. The bill provides that when prepayment is not full, and the sender is not known, the amount due shall be collected of the person to whom the package is sent.

Is it Bristow or Blaine, Conkling or Adams, or who? Candidates multiply for the Presidency, and very likely when the convention to be held at Cincinnati finishes its work we shall all be surprised to find that the candidate will be a new one, and of little public note. For young America, Blaine is the most promising candidate now in the field. He has had experience as a statesman, and is the best man named from the class of middle-aged candidates. If the convention falls back upon a conservative and more venerable candidate, then Charles Francis Adams stands pre-eminent, and there is not a man in the field his equal. If not Blaine, give us Adams.

The Union men of the North are constantly reminded by Southern politicians that they should not refer to their loyal record through the rebellion. They want the "bloody shirt" buried and the past forgotten. But how is it down South? The Texas Legislature, soon to meet, will elect a U. S. Senator, and Judge John Hancock is admitted to be the best man the democrats have got for that position, yet almost the only reason which has thus far been urged against Judge Hancock's election in his own State is his Union record during the late civil war. Having, in the State Legislature in 1860-61, refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States, he was expelled. Now the more ultra of the democrats of Texas urge upon the Legislature the election of no man to the United States Senate whose "war record was not good," by which they mean no man who did not sympathize with the cause of the Confederacy.

Alexander T. Stewart, New York's wealthiest merchant, died at his home, Monday afternoon, of inflammation of the bowels. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and received a thorough classical course before coming to this country where he at first taught the classics, but this not being to his taste, he went back to Ireland, bought a small stock of goods with money inherited from his grandfather, and again coming to this country he opened a small store on Broadway, and by close attention to his business, and a wonderful sagacity and shrewdness, built up his present colossal trade and fortune. His wealth is variously estimated from $80,000,000 to $100,000,000, and from an original capital of less than $3,000. Stewart owned in New York two palatial stores, a theatre, "Niblo's Garden," and a marble palace on Fifth Avenue, where he died; in Saratoga he established another store a few years ago, and last season completed the splendid Grand Union hotel; at Hempstead Plains he had established a suburban town, and he was also finishing a hotel on Fourth Avenue for working girls, where they could obtain board at a nominal price. He was also a large owner of real estate and interested in several mills, one of them being the New York woolen mill at Holyoke. His funeral took place on Thursday at St. Mark's church, and was largely attended, the representation of the wealth and culture of the city and country being quite noticeable. The display of flowers, both at the house and at the church, was probably the finest ever seen at any funeral in this country.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The taxation of mortgages is to remain unchanged, the House having accepted the report of the committee, inexpedient to legislate.

The Senate has rejected the local option bill passed by the House.

The marriage of James Parton to his stepdaughter, which has been before the Legislature in one way or another for many weeks, seems likely to be legalized, the Senate having passed a bill to that effect.

The House has passed a bill providing for the appointment of an additional savings bank commissioner.

The House on Wednesday voted, 83 to 63, to adjourn over to Monday, so as to properly observe Fast Day and Good Friday, but upon the yeas and nays being called for, the motion was rejected, 89 to 99.

Four State directors for the Boston and Albany railroad will be chosen next Wednesday afternoon.

The hard money men who have been anxious to hear the jingle of coin in their pockets, are now trembling in view of the millions of silver coin soon to be launched upon us. The U. S. Treasury has now huge piles of silver on hand, and when we consider that it will be worth less than greenbacks or fractional currency, it is not so pleasant to contemplate.

There is some figuring for places as delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention. Aside from ex-Governors Talbot, Washburn and Bullock, the names of E. B. Gillette of Westfield, President Chadbourne of Williams College, Mr. Larned of Pittsfield, Senator Robinson of Chicopee, and several others are mentioned. Of course all cannot be elected to the convention, but we ought to get some from the list who will do the State credit. The State convention occurs at Tremont Temple, Boston, on the 26th.

The North Brookfield Railroad. — The stockholders held their first annual meeting Monday, and elected the following directors: A. H. Batcheller of Boston; Charles Adams, Jr., Bonum Nye, Alden Batcheller, T. C. Bates, Warren Tyler and Freeman Walker of North Brookfield. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Bonum Nye was elected president; Alden Batcheller, vice-president; T. C. Bates, secretary; Charles Adams, Jr., treasurer. The road is leased to the Boston & Albany Railroad Company for ten years, and yields an income of $1000 a month.

A Live Emperor.—The Emperor and Empress of Brazil are expected in New York about the 17th, with their attendants, and will occupy the entire parlor story of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the same as the Prince of Wales had. The expenses of the party will amount to $2500 a week during their stay. The Emperor will be carted around by aldermen in an elegant coach gotten up for the occasion. But this Centennial is a big thing though—for some.

Probably a Suicide. — Augustine Giddings of Great Barrington was found dead at the bottom of Williams river, a small branch of the Housatonic, on Friday, under circumstances that suggest suicide. He told his wife at breakfast that life was uncertain, and that if he should die suddenly she must remember him to the children. Not returning at his customary time, a search was made, his hat discovered on the river bank, and his body in the river.

Eight Days at the Centennial. — The New York and Hartford Steamship Company are to run a large and commodious steamer between Hartford and Philadelphia the coming summer for the benefit of those who desire to visit the Centennial cheaply. The expense of a ten days' trip, including board on the boat, is to be about $20 a head, with an extra charge for state-rooms. The passage occupies about twenty-seven hours each way.

A Rotten Dam.—The County Commissioners have been examining the Westminster reservoir at Fitchburg, and find that the spiling put in twelve years ago is rotten, and fear that a sudden rain would soften the earth and undermine the dam. The water surface is more than one thousand acres, and its giving way would do great damage.

Another Victim.—On Sunday afternoon, at Manchester, N. H., Albert Speed, aged 16, while carelessly handling a pistol, accidentally discharged it. The ball struck a companion named Edward Harrington, aged 15, in the groin, penetrating several inches, and could not be found. The injuries, it is thought, will not prove fatal.

Cruelty to Animals. — A car load of horses were found recently on a side track of the New Haven railroad in New York by officers of the anti-Cruelty Society. The animals had not been given any water for one hundred hours, and they had gnawed nearly all the interior frame-work of the car to pieces.

Fires.—The Music Hall block at Athol was destroyed by fire last Saturday evening, causing a loss of $70,000, partly covered by insurance.——Edwards' four-story brick block at Southbridge was partially burned out Tuesday night. The loss by fire and water is between $5000 and $6000.

Centennial Rags. — An Illinois girl is working night and day to get it ready for the Centennial. She has got 6,044 pieces all sewed in, and has only 1,036 more to sew. She is sure it will take the rags off of all the other bed quilts en exhibition.

Sentenced.—Andreas Fuchs, who so inhumanly murdered his fellow-workman, Simmons, in New York, has been found guilty and sentenced to be hung for the crime on the second day of June next.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. F. Holbrook will deliver, during the remainder of April, the Delaware & Hudson's Canal Co's. Lackawanna stove coal for $7.75, egg coal $7.35, *cash on delivery.*

Mrs. Collins would say to the ladies of Palmer and vicinity that she will, on April 20th and 21st, open a new and well-selected stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods in all the latest styles. All are invited to examine for themselves.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

J. S. Leedham, jeweler, has a neat new window sign.

The Nassowanno barns have received a new coat of whitewash.

Services were held in the Congregational church only, on Fast Day.

Hand organs, those sure harbingers of spring, have put in an appearance.

One of J. W. Weeks' livery horses broke a leg in its stall last week, and was killed.

A new grocery store is soon to be opened in the vacant store in Allen block, on Church street.

Thomas Welch, formerly clerk in the post-office, is the new clerk of the American House.

Easter concert at the Second Congregational church to-morrow at the usual hour of afternoon service.

J. K. Knox had some lambs born recently that weighed 12½ pounds a piece when only two or three hours old.

Mr. Frank Osgood of Springfield presided at the organ of the Congregational church last Sabbath forenoon and evening.

Revs. Fullerton and Reade, of the First and Second Congregational churches, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath morning.

A musical treat is in store for all who attend the dime concert by the Schumann club of Springfield at Wales Hall next Monday evening.

I. S. Wood, late of the American House, has gone to Stafford Springs, Conn., where he takes charge of the Stafford Springs House, a well-known summer resort.

R. M. Volk has finished his course of 20 lessons in vocal music to the children of the public schools, who show a marked improvement in that branch of study.

A Westfield man has been at David Knox's barn for the past week bailing straw, and the farmers about here have disposed of nearly a hundred tons at $12 per ton.

Miss Lovell has been engaged as telegraph operator at the New London Northern R. R. depot, their wires being used only for the transmission of railroad business.

Rev. W. H. H. Murray was a guest of the Antique House Tuesday, and in the evening indulged in a ride around the village behind a good horse, with his host for a driver.

A pleasant place for the ladies to drop in is F. B. Perkins' sewing machine rooms, next store to the Journal office. His show-window is well filled, and his store neatly fitted up.

At the Congregational church Sunday evening there will be preaching and a praise service at the usual hour. The general public are cordially invited, and will be welcomed.

Wales Hall will be occupied four evenings next week; Schumann club concert Monday, Sweetser's closing lecture Wednesday, Prof. Wheeler's concert Thursday, and the ball of the A. O. H., Friday.

Rev. Mr. Sweetser gives the sixth and last lecture in his "Pilgrim's Progress" course next Wednesday evening at Wales Hall. The admission will be free, and all are invited to be present. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

It costs forty cents to send a telegram of ten words from Palmer to Boston, and only twenty-five cents to send the same message from Boston to Palmer. What sense is there in this, besides the extra fifteen cents?

Rev. Lucius Holmes of Wendell Depot preaches for the Universalists at Union Hall to-morrow. Rev. Dr. Pattison's audience, last Sunday afternoon, was too large for Union Hall, and the service was held in the large hall.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford gives her promised organ concert at the Congregational church, Thursday evening, April 27th. She will be assisted by Miss Ellen Peabody, the first soprano singer in the Boston Handel and Hayden society. Mrs. Crawford meets her Palmer music class each Wednesday.

Rev. Murray gave his lecture on "Deacons" to a good audience Tuesday evening, giving graphic word-pictures of the various types of the old-fashioned New England deacons, who still have their representatives left in our churches. He held the close attention of his hearers, although the majority of them had either heard or read the lecture before. To Mr. French's enterprise is due the credit of Mr. Murray's "second coming."

A pile of "trimmings" on the east side of Hubbard Lawrence's broom factory caught fire about half-past eleven Wednesday night. A passer-by promptly sounded the alarm, and the flames were extinguished without sounding a general alarm, and with no further damage than badly scorching the side of the building, and frightening the inmates of the adjacent boarding-house. Mr. Lawrence had the building well filled with broom corn and handles, and a large stock of manufactured brooms and brushes. The fire was probably incendiary, and the damage to the building is about $50.

The 1st Division of the A. O. H., at their meeting last Sunday afternoon, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, F. M. Conner; vice-president, J. F. Twiss of Three Rivers; recording secretary, J. L. Wilder; financial secretary, J. H. Galleher; treasurer, M. Foley. The association enters upon the second year of its existence with an increased membership and good prospects for the future. They will give a grand ball at Wales Hall next Friday evening, April 21st, and the music will be furnished by Cady's Quadrille Band of Willimantic, Conn.

A grand concert will be given in Wales Hall on Thursday next, under the direction of Prof. G. C. Wheeler, the well-known composer and pianist, for which the following eminent talent have been engaged to appear: Miss Lotta Sargent, of Boston, pupil of Signor Vinzo Chirrillo, the celebrated Italian vocal teacher; Miss Annie B. Feeney, the popular soprano soloist of Palmer; Misses Sadie and Ella Stimpson, pianists, and Miss Fannie Stimpson, violin soloist. There will be selections for two pianos in unison by pupils of Mr. Wheeler, who are non-residents, and Misses Sadie, Ella and Fannie Stimpson will perform a concert selection for piano, violin and cabinet organ. The programmes are not out yet, but we have no doubt that Mr. Wheeler has a rich musical treat in store for those who may attend. Tickets will be for sale at Allen & Cowan's.

Last Monday was an eventful one in the life of John Riley, an athletic young Irishman from Thorndike. If he had stayed at home that day, and let rum alone, he would have stood a much better chance of going to the Centennial this summer, but he didn't, and thereby hangs a tale. Johnnie came to Palmer, and making several purchases of liquid refreshment was soon so anxious for a fight that he sallied boldly forth strong in the spirit of old rye. Tom Owens, the younger, was his first victim, and taken unawares, Tom got a good pummeling before he was "let up." Elated with this victory, and strengthened by the arrival of Mike Prindable and John Carlin, alias "the dummy," the pugilist marched up and down the streets, attracting a crowd, but was at last enticed up Thorndike street towards home. When in front of Mr. Webster's the majesty of the law made its appearance in the person of Constable Palmer, and the fight was renewed. Palmer attempted to arrest John, who resisted "tooth and nail," using his own teeth and the constable's fingers. Two or three passers-by were called on for aid, and after a desperate fight, and the free use of the officer's billy, John was handcuffed, placed in a wagon and driven rapidly to the lock-up, making a stout resistance all the way. "Dummy," who lent aid and comfort to the enemy by opposing the arrest, was also required to pass the night in the cells. The next morning the two culprits were brought before Justice Robinson, who fined "the dummy" $8, which was paid by his friends, and he was released. John fared worse, getting a fine and costs of $10.80 on one charge, three months' imprisonment on another, and on the third was ordered to furnish $100 bonds to keep the peace for six months, and that's why Johnnie Riley won't go to the Centennial.

WEST BROOKFIELD.

E. F. Henshaw has sold his farm in Warren to Gilbert Green for $3000.

BONDVILLE.

The ladies connected with the M. E. society at Bondville will hold a festival in the vestry of the new church, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 19th and 20th.

COLLINS' DEPOT.

Three deaths from small pox have occurred at Collins' Depot, in a little house near the road close by the railroad dry bridge. A red flag is still flying there, and the end of the disease is not yet.

WEST WARREN.

C. H. Ellis, a farmer in the west part of the town, is under a financial cloud.

The schools began Wednesday. The grammar school is under the charge of Mr. Woodard of Brimfield. There is no change in the other schools.

A. W. Crossman & Son will send in a few days a full assortment of tools manufactured by them to the Centennial.

LUDLOW.

Elisha A. Fuller, formerly of Ludlow, and who kept the hotel at what was once known as the Jenksville Depot, died at New York on Wednesday. His funeral occurs to-day at the Congregational church at Ludlow.

A barn, with all its tools, hay, poultry and a calf, the property of Mrs. Woolly, was burned Wednesday night.

The Sovereigns have an entertainment next Wednesday night at Post Office Hall, Jenksville.

WARREN.

At the adjourned town meeting this week, E. Fairbanks was chosen collector, S. P. Robbins school committee for one year, W. H. Shepard overseer of the poor, F. Brigham assessor. The appropriations are: Contingencies, $2000; roads, $2500; schools, $5000; poor, $1000; debt, $5000; memorial day, $150; Fourth of July, $100; fire department, $475; which brings this year's taxes to about $10.50 on $1000. Last year the town spent $2263 for contingencies, $3750 for roads, $7253 for schools, $2223 for paupers, and $1665 for new hose houses and lock-up.

THREE RIVERS.

A new church is about to be organized in this village, gathering in the fruits of the revival at Mission Chapel.

The Temperance club at the Mission are pushing the work of reform bravely on. Large and enthusiastic meetings are held every other week, if not every week, and new names are added to the pledge at each gathering. The quartet and choir singing, under the lead of Mr. F. Rugglos, adds greatly to the interest of the meetings. Why should not the whole town awake to the importance of suppressing this ruinous traffic in intoxicating drinks?

BELCHERTOWN.

Rev. Philip Berry lectured at the Baptist church Thursday evening on "Pen Pictures in Palestine," and union services were held in the Congregational church on Fast Day.

On Monday, at the special town meeting, it was voted to repair the old brick schoolhouse, besides raising $250 for repairs on school-houses; the selectmen and treasurer were authorized to renew the note held by the State treasurer against the town for $20,000 at 6 per cent. for the term of four years. It was further voted not to add 1 per cent. a month interest on unpaid taxes after October 1st, and to raise no more money for highways, the selectmen thinking the sum of $1500 appropriated at the annual meeting to be sufficient for repairing the 123 miles of road in the town limits.

MONSON.

Adjourned town meeting Monday.

Flynt & Co. have the foundation in for P. O. Brien's cellar.

Business at the straw shop brightens up as the pleasant days appear.

Orrin Shaw has an auction sale of stock, farming tools, etc., next Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The Monson Dramatic club play "Nick of the Woods" on the 22d inst. in Green's Hall.

D. G. Green is putting a verandah on the old hotel building, which adds greatly to its appearance.

The schools begin on Monday, 24th. The school committee has organized with Charles Hammond as chairman, and A. D. Norcross, secretary.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. King of Monson is acting as turnkey at the Springfield jail, and may possibly receive the appointment permanently. His predecessor was a son of "Uncle" Daniel Charter, who is so well-known to members of the Good Templar order.

The suit of Graves vs. the Town of Monson, tried in Springfield last week, resulted in a disagreement of the jury after they had been out eight hours. The suit was brought to recover damages for the death of a Mr. Knowlton, whom the plaintiff, as his administrator, claimed came to his death as the result of injuries received by being thrown from his team on a defective road. The defense was that the man was intoxicated at the time of the accident, and further, that his death resulted from causes other than those claimed. The case has been tried once before, the jury then being unable to agree. The testimony was very conflicting on both sides.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The village schools commenced Monday.

One or two parties have lately left for Canada.

The reform club meet next Monday evening as usual.

Several parties are erecting bird-houses for the comfort of the sparrows which have become so plentiful.

The grammar school has this term about forty scholars.

The choppers at work on the Lamberton lot finish this week.

There will be an Easter service in Music Hall Sunday evening. Subject: "The Resurrection Life."

The Geo. H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company closed their mill Wednesday night for the rest of the week.

Mr. Donner of Springfield has thoroughly renovated the Ware hotel, and opened it to the public this week.

Fred. C. Blood has bought the express team and business of Herbert Willis, and will take the reins Monday next.

Notwithstanding the dull times Landlord Snow of the Hampshire House has a full house most of the time.

Many of the streets and roads are in need of thorough repairs, having been washed and settled by the spring rains.

Services were held in the chapel in the forenoon of Fast Day, and at the church in the afternoon by the Congregationalists.

W. S. Dunham is about to put a team on the road so that all in want of tin ware may purchase without coming to the shop.

The Gilbert Manufacturing Company shipped their Centennial goods last week, and the Otis company ship their goods this week.

Prof. R. B. Doane of Ware, but more recently of Warsaw, N. Y., has been engaged as organist by the Congregational church in Warren.

Last Sunday being the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Congregational church, Dr. Perkins gave a historical sermon in the morning.

The weather begins to feel quite spring-like and goods are seen moving to and fro, while the men dislike to stay in the house because of house cleaning.

There are rumors that, unless the freights are reduced on the Ware River railroad, the manufacturing companies and others will resort to the old way of drawing goods by teams to some point on the Boston & Albany railroad.

Rev. Henry Morgan of Boston will deliver his second lecture in Ware, Monday evening, the 24th. Mr. Morgan will at that time combine his two lectures, "Old Maids and their Accusers," and "Fast Young Men and their Follies."

Mr. Charles P. Alexander, of the well-known house of Lewis Brown & Co., made last week his one hundredth successive trip to Ware, not having lost a month without coming here since he first commenced, over eight years ago. It seems that even the despised "drummer" may be possessed of such sterling qualities of character and business as are a sure precursor of success and steady employment.

The school reports this year show that the whole number who have attended school in town the past year is 925, with an average attendance of 589.56. The number of school children in town is 976. The roll of honor for District No. 1 contains the names of 44 scholars who have been perfect for the year, 82 for two terms, and 149 for one term. The evening schools had an average attendance of 53; the whole number of scholars, 106. The expenses of the evening schools were $109.90. The wages of the teachers for the year amounted to $6824.31; the incidentals amounted to $537.17; fuel, etc., $998.70.

The selectmen have offered $50 reward for the discovery of the person or persons who caused the body of the infant, found on West Main street, to be placed there, and the same reward for the discovery of the party who threw the body of the male child, found on West Main street, into the river, or caused it to be placed on the bank of the river; also, $100 for the arrest and conviction of each person who has done any criminal act in consequence of the existence of either of the children, and $300 for the arrest and conviction of any and each person who has had any criminal agency in causing the death of the male child above-mentioned.

A grand concert will be given in Music Hall next Friday evening, with an array of talent that promises a musical treat. Of Miss Annie B. Feeney, of Palmer, as soprano soloist, we have often spoken in the highest terms, and she is deservedly popular; Miss Lotta Sargent, a pupil of Signor Vinzo Chirrilli, the famous Italian vocal teacher, comes highly commended by those who have listened to her well-trained voice, while of Prof. Wheeler, it suffices to say that he is a complete master of the piano, and with the Misses Stimpson of Westfield will furnish the instrumental portion of the entertainment. Fuller particulars will be given by poster and programme.

Now let out your hens and sharpen their claws! Your neighbor has commenced gardening, having put in his peas and lettuce, and he wants them to come up quick. If he pleasantly suggests to you that your fowls annoy him, don't mind anything about it. It would show that you are a gentleman, and possibly a Christian, if you should.

Lehman Charter, who was discharged last week from his position as turnkey at the jail in Springfield on account of some suspicious movements, had arranged to let Pond the forger escape, according to the latter's confession, in consideration of $500. Charter left the city as soon as he was discharged.

Yesterday was "Good Friday," and was the eleventh anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln. The occasion was of especial interest, inasmuch as the day of the week and of the month corresponded with the sad date, April 14, 1865, which brought such irreparable loss upon the nation.

An old waiter at Delmonico's in New York, who has just returned from Europe, says that he met the fugitive Boss Tweed on a steamer from Genoa to Leghorn. Tweed recognized him and gave him a napoleon, and told him he had been pardoned.

Tennessee is as prolific in Centennarians as some other States, the latest reported being Mr. Chesser of Hohman, 100 years old; Mrs. Carl of the same place, 104, and Mrs. Hunter of Winchester, 110.

Hard Rent.—There is a valuable piece of real estate in Boston which is leased for 99 years, at an annual rental of 20 tons of pig iron. No soft money about that.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

Secret societies are being organized throughout Nevada.

Australia exported in 1875 gold dust to the amount of $15,889,525.

Monday was the two hundredth anniversary of the burning of Providence, R. I., by the Indians.

The Grangers of the United States have over $18,000,000 invested in their various enterprises.

There are 60,000 Sunday schools in the United States, with 600,000 teachers, and 5,000,000 pupils.

Greenfield's Centennial boy, born on the 3d inst., weighs 15¾ pounds. Its youngest brother weighed 13 pounds.

A trestle work over the Passaic river on the Lackawanna railway broke down Monday, killing two men and seriously wounding three others.

The property owners in Kettle Brook Valley who suffered by the late flood, have petitioned the Worcester city council for compensation.

Gen. B. F. Butler's wife died at a hospital in Boston last Saturday morning, where she had gone to have a cancer removed from her throat.

A boiler which was being tested at Binghamton, N. Y., Saturday morning, exploded, killing three persons and seriously wounding several others.

Fall River has made the pleasant discovery that two cemeteries are a part of the watershed which fill the pond from which the city gets the water supply.

An English inventor thinks that the sewage of our cities might be utilized in the manufacture of illuminating gas, at a great saving of coal, and at a less cost.

The Springfield city council on Monday night cut down appropriations for the current year to $497,000, a reduction of $118,000 from the expenditures of last year.

A lady in London has offered $500 reward for the conviction of persons who are going about London systematically poisoning dogs by throwing down poisoned food in the streets.

The Centennial organ, just sent to Philadelphia by Messrs E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings of Boston, weighed when boxed 59,356 pounds—almost 30 tons, and filled five large freight cars.

An amendment to the bill regulating the admission of attorneys to practice, which would have allowed women to become applicants for examination, was voted down in the Maryland House.

A Boston preacher said: "If any society will take charge of all the cases of poverty brought on by intemperance, this church will take upon itself to relieve all the remaining paupers of Boston."

The leading hotel keepers at Athol have promised not to sell liquor or tempt a man to drink who has signed the pledge, or to sell to any man whose wife, parents or children give notice of a wish to the contrary.

Not satisfied with seizing the cows of Smith sisters of Glastonbury for refusal to pay taxes, the authorities have now levied upon a share of bank stock owned by Julia and Abbey, and will sell it by auction on the 17th.

Last Friday night in Guilford, Conn., Willis Bailey, a married man, outraged Mrs. Evarts, a widow aged 70 years, after severely beating her and threatening her with a pistol. He then stole $30 from the lady and fled, but was captured and held in $3500 for trial.

The New England conference of Methodist ministers, which has been in session at Lowell for several days, closed on Wednesday, and the following are the appointments for this district: G. Whitaker, presiding Elder. Springfield—Florence street, W. C. High; State street, M. Hulburd; Trinity, S. F. Upham, W. E. Knox; Grace, E. A. Smith. Wilbraham—W. T. Perrin; South, J. A. Day; Glendale, to be supplied. Chicopee—E. S. Best; Chicopee Falls, A. C. Manson. Westfield—J. H. Twombly; West Parish, W. S. Jagger. Blandford—J. W. Cole; North, to be supplied. Holyoke—C. A. Merrill. Northampton—J. H. Packard. Easthampton—E. R. Thorndike. Southampton—H. Matthews. Greenfield—W. Gordon. Turner's Falls—To be supplied. Miller's Falls and Northfield Farms—N. F. Stevens. Gill—To be supplied. Bernardston—L. Marcy. Leyden and East Coleraine—W. H. Adams. Shelburne Falls and Buckland—W. J. Parkinson. Colerain—A. P. Adams. Heath—B. Judd. Charlemont and Rowe—To be supplied. Conway—W. N. Richardson. South Deerfield—C. E. Seaver. Amherst Circuit—D. S. Coles. Pelham—J. Neal. Belchertown—John Capen. Palmer—W. R. Tisdale. Bond's Village—A. Noon. Enfield—William Wignall. North Dana and Dana—E. P. Gibbe. South Athol—E. C. Ferguson. North Prescott—E. Hitchcock. Orange and North New Salem—L. P. Frost. Williamsburg—C. H. Vinton. Florence—R. F. Holway. Hadley—To be supplied. South Hadley Falls—E. Burlingham. Ludlow Centre—N. H. Martin. East Longmeadow—To be supplied. Feeding Hills—To be supplied. Southwick—George Hewes. Russell—I. A. Mesler. Chester—S. O. Dyer. South Worthington Circuit—N. A. Soule. N. Fellows, Principal of Wesleyan Academy, member of Wilbraham Quarterly Conference. Benjamin Gill, Professor of Wesleyan Academy, member of Wilbraham Quarterly Conference. J. E. Round, Principal of Baltimore Centenary Theological Seminary, member of South Wilbraham Quarterly Conference. William Rice, Chaplain of Hampden County House of Correction, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference. Charles F. Rice, Tutor in Wesleyan University, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference. Hector Bronson, District Superintendent of American Bible Society for Eastern New York, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference. Lorenzo White, Principal of Vermont Conference Seminary, Montpelier, member of North Dana Quarterly Conference. In the Worcester district, O. W. Adams is continued at Monson; Wales, J. Noon; Warren, F. Nichols; Ware, I. N. Bigelow; Barre and Hardwick, A. W. Baird; West Brookfield, J. W. Morcy.

Charles Hassler, about 42 years old, of Westfield, was buried in a well on Thursday, and in an hour was taken out dead. He was taking out bricks with which the well was walled, and when near the bottom it caved in.

The Northampton National Bank, which put on a chronometer lock after the robbery of its vaults two months ago, has been unable to unlock it since Saturday, and the door was forced by experts.

Harvard grows conservative. It has now three religious societies whose conditions of membership are said to be, "thoroughly Calvinistic."

The body of S. C. Parsons, the Northampton druggist, who committed suicide in Mill River last Thursday morning while insane, was recovered by a Boston diver Tuesday. The position in which the body was found indicated that he was taken with a cramp, and it is thought that he may have had no intention of taking his life, but was insanely indulging in his favorite pastime of swimming, when the cramp came upon him and caused him to sink. His funeral took place on Wednesday.

The Rod and Gun club of Springfield will hold their second annual dog show at City Hall, in that city, on the 26th and 27th inst.

Some of the Harvard students have adopted the Centennial costume of knee-breeches and long stockings.

The leading hotel-keeper in Japan has failed for $100,000. He wasn't a Jap though, but an outside barbarian.

The third annual reunion of Andersonville survivors was held at Norwich, Ct., Wednesday.

A CARD.—The employes of Hubbard Lawrence's broom factory desire to express their most hearty thanks to H. J. Lawrence for his prompt action, which saved the factory from destruction by fire on the night of Wednesday, April 12th.

EMPLOYES.

ALL persons visiting Springfield will do well, if in want of boots or shoes, to call at Fay's, 382 Main street, where a large assortment can be found, suitable for men's, ladies' and children's wear. Prices low, and the work reliable.

THE great carpet store of Springfield has just been re-opened at McKnight's new building, corner of Main and Bridge streets. Mr. McKnight offers the finest stock in the city, and our readers will want to see the display he is making. See advertisement.

O. D. MORSE, of the Central shoe store, Springfield, doesn't propose any let up on his "Centennial" sale. By his low prices and large stock he has distanced all competitors hitherto, and will follow the same popular methods in conducting his spring trade.

OUR readers will, perhaps, recollect that there is a large furnishing house opposite Haynes' hotel, Springfield, which has been conducted for the last five years by Messrs. Hunt & Shandrew. Mr. Geo. A. Hunt, the first-named partner, is successor to the old firm, and is prepared to supply the people for fifty miles around Springfield with everything in the line of furniture. He offers a free ride to Springfield and back to all who purchase $30 worth or more.

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BORN.

At Ware, 7th, a daughter to GEORGE MORAN.
At West Brookfield, 7th, a daughter to J. C. BARRETT.

MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 12th, by Rev. T. A. Lecte, ALBERT N. SOLLACE of Springfield and ISADORE L. TRIM of Belchertown.
At Brimfield, 12th, by Rev. W. Pierce, SETH W. SMITH, 2d, of Palmer, and MARY W., daughter of George Bacon of Brimfield.
At Chicopee, 5th, JAMES B. STEWART and IDA H. COWLES.

DIED.

At Palmer, 7th, BRIDGET MORAN, 14 months.
At Monson, 8th, Mrs. MARY WOOD, 73.
At Brimfield, 30th ult., JAMES E. WICKER, 25.
At Springfield, 7th, A. W. TAGGARD, 40.
At Springfield, 9th, AMY REED, 23.
At Hardwick, 8th, Mrs. PRUDENCE RECORD, 92, mother of A. C. Record.
At New York, 12th, ELISHA A. FULLER, 69, formerly of Springfield. ☞ Funeral from Cong. church at Ludlow to-day (Saturday) at 3 p. m.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by Mary Cross and Elijah G. Murdock, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.
Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—APRIL 16th.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON.

Peter's Defence—Acts II, 12-28.

Verses 12, 13. Some of the spectators were "devout" men, and looked on reverently. But others remained unmoved or yielded to a spirit of levity. The latter profaned what was divine. Evidently the manner and speech of the disciples indicated a high degree of mental excitement. Scoffers against revivals of religion, although, of course, opposed to the kingdom of Christ, are yet entitled to our pity.

Verse 14. Peter was authorized to do this by the words of Jesus, "Ye shall be witnesses of me, etc." He was bold in his faith. The eleven surrounded him. The thousands heard his "uplifted voice." His language was the Aramean—that of the country.

Verse 15. The hour was from eight to nine o'clock. Devout usage did not permit the Israelites to eat or drink until the expiration of this hour, particularly at the occurrence of the festivals. Peter's is a calm and dignified reply. He not only affirms but proves the truth.

Verse 16. He connects the present manifestation of God's power with Joel's prophecy, and declares it to be the fulfillment thereof.

Verse 17. All the days of the new covenant are last days, in some of which the spirit is to be poured out, not in drops, but in streams; enough for all, abundantly; without distinction of age, or sex, or station. Prophecy, visions and dreams, the means of divine revelation of old, stand here for the *full manifestation* of God in the latter days to all his people. "Dreams" are assigned to the old as consonant to their age; visions to the young as belonging to lively minds. The bodily senses of the latter are the more impressible; the inner sense of the former is the more acute.

Verse 18. The persons, whether high or low, upon whom the spirit is to come in so great power, are to be those who were previously devout. Peter evidently regards the Pentecostal experience as a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. Still he does not assert that it is a fulfillment of it in every point. There is a special gift to each one.

Verse 19. Prophetic revelations of the divine judgments are given a conspicuous position. Even the final judgment is here mentioned. The end of the Lord's enemies is hinted at in fearful terms, that inquiring souls may be more emphatically directed to Jesus Christ. The rejecter of the Spirit's baptism finds it a fire of judgment. When Israel nailed his King to the cross the sun was turned into darkness. When Jerusalem was destroyed blood, fire and vapor of smoke filled the city.

Verse 20. The moon's light became blood-red when it fell upon the pools of blood in the streets. The glance here at the great day of the Lord teaches us to be grateful for the grace of God which saves men, and to call on the Lord with faith.

For (Verse 21), the way of salvation is made easy. Faith is the prescribed condition. The church exists to save men. "Whosoever" is as broad as the race. Praise God that he still in patience puts off the coming of his predicted judgment and gives us space for repentance still.

Verses 22, 23. Christ's death was a fact for which man is guilty; at the same time a thing suffered in accordance with God's counsels.

Verse 24. The resurrection is a demonstrated fact and the corner-stone of human hopes.

Verse 25. The believer's body and soul rejoice in the living God.

Verse 26. "Rest in 'hope;" because the living God will raise the believer to a joyful and eternal life.

Verse 27. "In hell;" here the place of the dead—Hades. V. 28. The salvation of men depends on demonstrable facts. There is a Saviour. There would not have been one did we need none. He was crucified. He overcame death and rose. Prophecy predicted it would be so. History proves it to have been so. The Gospel is not a theory, but a consistent body of significant facts. Our hope in Christ rests on things done, and therefore unchangeable. The only element of uncertainty in our salvation is our own attitude towards the facts God has brought to pass for us. God has done everything he can to save us. He cannot compel us to accept what he has offered. We take or refuse. The whole responsibility is ours.

ABOUT "OATMEAL."

A correspondent, who evidently believes in oatmeal, takes exceptions, as below, to the following item:

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Nov. 17, 1874. 25-38tf

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Like that which the woodland leaves have made,
So fair and bright, so quick to fade.

Beautiful dreams; I wish I, too,
Had your power to come and go
To the hearts I love and long to know.

JET.

DEACON LEE.

Deacon Lee, who was a kindly, silent, faithful, gracious man, was one day waited upon by a restless, ambitious, worldly church member, who was laboring to create uneasiness in the church, and especially to drive away the minister.

The deacon came in to meet his visitor, who, after the usual greetings, began to lament the low state of religion, and to inquire as to the reason why there had been no revival for the last two or three years past.

"Now, what do you think is the cause of things being dull here?"

The deacon was not ready to give his opinion, and after a little thought frankly answered, "I don't know."

"Do you think the church are alive to the work before them?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you think the minister fully realizes the solemnity of his work?"

"No, I don't."

A twinkle was seen in the eye of the troubler of Zion, and taking courage, he asked:

"Do you think Mr. B. a very extraordinary man?"

"No, I don't."

"Do you think his sermons in their eyes are held anything wonderfully great?"

"No, I don't."

Making bold, after all this encouragement in monosyllables, he asked:

"Then don't you think we had better dismiss this man and hire another?"

The old deacon started as if shot with an arrow, and in a tone louder than his wont, shouted:

"No, I don't!"

"Why," cried the amazed visitor, you agree with me in all I have said, don't you?"

"No, I don't."

"You talk so little, sir," replied the questioner, not a little abashed, "that no one can find out what you do mean."

"I talked enough once," replied the old man, rising to his feet, "for six praying Christians. Thirty years ago I got my heart humbled, and my tongue bridled; and ever since then I've walked softly before God. I then made vows solemn as eternity; and don't you tempt me to break them."

The troubler was startled at the earnestness of the hitherto silent, immovable man, and asked:

"What happened to you thirty years ago?"

"Well, sir, I'll tell you. I was drawn into a scheme just like this of yours, to uproot one of God's servants from the field in which he had planted him. In my blindness, I fancied it a little thing to remove one of the 'stars' which Jesus holds in his right hand, if thereby my ear could be tickled by more flowing words, and the pews filled with those who turned away from the simplicity of the Gospel. I and the men that led me—for I admit that I was a dupe and a fool—flattered ourselves that we were doing God's service when we drove that holy man from the pulpit and his work, and said we considered his work done in B——, where I then lived. We groaned because there was no revival, while we were gossiping and criticising and crushing him, instead of upholding his hands by our efforts and our prayers, the very instrument at whose hands we harshly demanded the blessings.

"Well, sir, he could not drag on the chariot of salvation with half a dozen of us taunting him for his weakness, while we hung as dead weights to the wheels; he had not the spirit, as we thought, and could not convert men; so we hunted him like a deer, till, worn and bleeding, he fled into a covert to die.

"Scarcely had he gone when God came in among us by His spirit, to show that he had blessed the labors of his dear rejected servant. Our own hearts were broken, and our wayward children converted; and I resolved at a convenient season to visit my former pastor and confess my sin, and thank him for his faithfulness to my wayward sons, which, like long buried seed, had now sprung up. But God denied me that relief, that he might teach me a lesson that every child of His ought to learn—that he who toucheth one of His little ones toucheth the apple of His eye.

"I heard my pastor was ill, and taking my oldest son with me, set out on a twenty-five mile ride to see him. It was evening when I arrived, and his wife, with the spirit which any woman ought to exhibit toward one who had so wronged her husband, denied me admittance to his chamber. She said (and her words were like arrows to my soul)—'he may be dying, and the sight of your face might add to his anguish.' Had it come to this, I said to myself, that the man whose labors had, through Christ, brought me into this fold, who had consoled my spirit in a terrible bereavement, and who had, till designing men alienated us, been to me a brother—that this man could not die in peace with my face before him. 'God pity me!' I cried; 'what have I done?' I confessed my sins to that meek woman, and implored her for Christ's sake to let me kneel before his dying servant, and receive his forgiveness.

"What did I care then whether the pews by the door were rented or not? I would gladly have taken his whole family to my home forever, as my flesh and blood; but no such happiness was in store for me.

"As I entered the room of the faithful warrior, whose armor was falling from his limbs, he opened his langnid eyes, and, 'Brother Lee! Brother Lee!' I bent over him and sobbed out, 'pastor! my pastor!' Then raising his white hand, he said in a deep impressive voice: 'Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.'

"I spoke tenderly to him, and told him I had come to confess my sin, and bring some of his fruit to him (calling my son, to tell how he had found Christ). But he was unconscious of all around him; the sight of my face had brought the last pang of earth to his troubled spirit. I kissed his brow, and told him how dear he had been to me. I craved his pardon for my unfaithfulness, and promised him to care for his widow and fatherless little ones; but his only reply, murmured as if in troubled dream, was: 'Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.'

"I stayed by him all night, and at daybreak I closed his eyes.

"I offered his widow a house to live in the remainder of her days; but like a heroine, she said: 'I freely forgive you; but my children, who entered deeply into their father's anguish, shall never see me so regardless of his memory as to take anything from those who caused it. He had left us all with his covenant God, and He will care for us.'

"Well, sir, those dying words sounded in my ears from that coffin, and from that grave. When I slept, Christ stood before my dream, saying: 'Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.' These words followed me till I fully realized the esteem in which Christ holds those men who have given up all for his sake; and I vowed to love them evermore for his sake, even if they are not perfect.'

"And since that day, sir, I have talked less than before, and have supported my pastor, even if he is not a very extraordinary man. My tongue shall cleave to the roof of my mouth, and my right hand forget her cunning, before I dare to put asunder what God has joined together. When a minister's work is done in a place, I believe God will show it to him. I will not join you, sir, in the scheme that brought you here; and, moreover, if I hear another word of this from your lips, I shall ask the brethren to deal with you as with one who causes divisions.

"I would give all I own to recall what I did thirty years ago.

"Stop where you are, and pray God if perchance the thought of your heart may be forgiven you."

This decided reply put an end to the new comer's efforts to get a minister who could make more of a stir. There is often great power in the little word "no;" but sometimes it requires not a little courage to speak it so resolutely as did the silent deacon.

HOW SHE MANAGES IT.

"Is my hat done?" inquired a lady at a Chicago millinery establishment, one pleasant day.

"Yes, ma'am," politely responded the shopwoman, "it will be here in a moment."

An assistant soon brought up the bonnet, and while the enstomer was duly inspecting it, the store proprietress ventured to inquire:

"How do you like it, ma'am?"

"It's simply horrid!" was the reply.

"But it is just as you ordered it," pleaded the maker of headwear.

"Yes, something as I ordered," was the short and sneering answer.

"I am real sorry, but"—

"Well, never mind," broke in the buyer, with set lips; "what's the expense?"

"A-b-o-u-t $7, I guess," said the shopwoman, timidly.

The money was paid over and the bonnet ordered up to her house, when the purchaser pranced out upon the street and immediately exclaimed to an accompanying lady friend:

"Isn't it perfectly lovely?"

"Yes," replied the friend, "it's ravishing, but how could you talk so to that woman?"

"Talk so?" exclaimed she of the new bonnet; "why, if I had let her know how much I liked the hat, that woman would have certainly charged me fifteen dollars, but now, you see, I've got it for seven!"

The other woman said that she had never thought of that, but would profit by her friend's ripe experience, and never like an article again until after she had bought it.

THE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

The day had been set, and the young man was happy. But his father failed in business, and he collected together all the pink love letters, the lock of hair, the faded violet, etc., and started for her father's mansion. He was high-minded and honorable, and he felt in duty bound to release her from the engagement. Yet he grew faint as he was ushered into the parlor. Such love as his wouldn't stay crushed.

"George! dear George!" she exclaimed as she entered the parlor and seized his hand.

"Arabella, I am here to do my duty," he said, as he rose up.

"W-what's the matter?" she asked.

"H-haven't you heard of—of my father's failure?" he inquired, his heart beating painfully.

"Why, yes, dear George, and what of it?"

"Aren't you—won't you—that is—"

"I'm glad of it—that's all!" she cried.

"You are?"

"Of course I am! I was talking with father, and he said if your father had failed for $60-000 he'd make at least $50,000 out of it, and, of course, you'll get twice as much as you counted on!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

EFFECT OF EXTREME COLD.—M. Payer, the eminent Arctic explorer, referring to a certain day on which the thermometer indicated 50° Fah. below zero, says that so great an amount of cold paralyzes the will, and that, under its influence, men, from the unsteadiness of their stammering talk and the slowness of their mental operations, seem as if they were intoxicated. Another effect of such cold, mentioned by M. Payer, is a tormenting thirst, which is unwholesome, too, to use snow to quench the thirst, as it brings on inflammation of the throat, palate and tongue; besides, a temperature of 35dg to 58dg below zero, Fah., makes it taste like molten metal. Snow-eaters in the North are considered as feeble and effeminate in the same way as an opium-eater in the East.

At the close of a tavern dinner two of the company fell down stairs, the one tumbling to the first landing place and the other rolling to the bottom. Some one remarked that the first seemed drunk. "Yes" observed the wag, "but he is not so far gone as the other gentleman below."

"Yes," she sobbed, he was a good, unselfish soul. He used to scrape the ugly, hard, crisp beans off the top for himself and leave us the nice, soft ones. He used to say nothing could hurt his teeth, poor soul."

There is a lady in New Hampshire who on the death of one of the members of her family sent a note to the minister who was to officiate at the funeral requesting him to preach a cheerful sermon, which he did.

An inebriate recently fell and struck his nose against a barber's pole. On being raised from the ground he said, "What'n thunder 'zat woman wi' striped stock'n's on got agin me?"

A man's action is only a picture-book of his creed. He does after what he believes.

Never let your zeal outrun your charity; the former is but human; the latter is divine.

A straight line is the shortest in morals as in geometry.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

The declaration of the apostle, that "the wages of sin is death," is forcibly illustrated in the following sad story, taken from a Buffalo paper:

A few days ago we published a brief announcement of the death of Harlow Case in the Island of Ceylon, whither he fled twenty-five years ago, and until now nothing had been known in this country of his whereabouts. In 1850 Case was collector of the port of Sandusky. He fell in love with the wife of his deputy, Henry Francis, seized $22,-000 of Government money, and eloped with Mrs. Francis and her little child. They fled, as it now seems, to Ceylon. A short time ago an American missionary made the acquaintance of Case and Mrs. Francis. He describes them as living in an earthly paradise, but both haunted by and one dying of remorse and home-sickness. Their bower was a living tomb. We quote his description of the interview in which he detected the personality of the guilty pair.

"Sir," said Case, in tones which I shall never forget, "if I have sinned, God in heaven knows what I have suffered; and if in F.'s bereavement he has cursed me, that curse is fearfully fulfilled. Poor Mary is dying—has been dying for months, and I have known it. It has been for me to see the failing step, the dimming eye; it is for me now to see the terrible struggles of her almost worn-out frame; it is for me to listen to her language of remorse that sometimes almost drives me mad. Yes, mad, mad, mad!" he said in a frenzy, rising and crossing the floor with long, hasty strides. Then burying his face in his hands, he exclaimed: "Too late! too late! I have repented!" There was a long pause, and he continued, calmly: "No human means can now restore my poor companion. Her moral sensibilities become more and more acute as she fails in strength, so that she often reproaches herself constantly." A weary, mournful sigh broke from his lips, as if his heart would break. "Oh! if he knew," he exclaimed again, "if he knew how bitter a penalty she is paying, he would pity her—and, if it could be forgiven. Will you see her, sir?"

I shrank from the very thought.

"She has asked for you, sir; do you deny her request? Hearing that you came from America, she entreated me to bring you to her. I promised that I would."

Up the cool, wide, matted stairs he led me into a chamber, Oriental in its furnishing and chaste in its magnificence. There, half reclining in a wide, easy chair—a costly shawl of lace cast over her attenuated shoulders, the rich dressing-gown clinging and hallowed to the ravages sickness had made—sat on whose great beauty and once gentle gifts made the light and loveliness of a sacred home. The eyes only retained their lustre; they were wofully sunken. The blazing fire, kindled at the vitals, burned upon her sharpened cheeks—burned more fiercely, more hotly, as she looked upon my face.

The first question asked was: "Are you going back to America, sir?"

The hollow voice startled me. I seemed to see an open sepulchre. I told her that it was not my intention to return at present. "Oh, then, who will take my little child back to her father?" she cried, the tears falling. "I am dying, and she must go back to him. It is the only reparation I can make, and little enough, for the bitter wrong I have done them." "I hoped, sir, you might see him," she added a moment afterward, checking her sobs; "I hoped you might tell him that his image is before me from morning till night, as I knew he must have looked when the first shock came. Oh, sir, tell him my story. Warn, oh, warn everybody! Tell him I have suffered through the long, long hours these many years—ah! God only knows how deeply." "Mary, you must control your feelings, said my host, gently. "Let me talk while I may," was the answer. "Let me say that since the day I left my home I have not known a single hour of happiness. It was always to come—always just ahead—and here is what has come—the grave is opening, and I must go to judgment."

Mrs. Francis soon died. Case has since died. The daughter started to return to her father in a vessel that was lost at sea. It was supposed that Francis committed suicide after the breaking up of his home, as nothing was heard from him. His story, which has lately come out, is as dreadful as that of the others:

Up to the time of the elopement, Francis had lived with the utmost confidence in his wife's honor, and when the appalling truth of his betrayal dawned upon him, it partially turned his brain, and he became a monomaniac, with only two objects in life—to gain revenge on Case and get back his child. He sold his little property at a sacrifice, and set out on his long pursuit of Case and Mrs. Francis. They had gone to England. He followed them, and arrived there just in time to hear of them in France. From France he traced them to the north of Europe, and thence they led him a will-o'wisp dance, sometimes in sight and at other times unheard of for months, to Constantinople, where they became entirely lost. Five years passed. When the Crimean war broke out, Francis enlisted in the English army as cook, and served until the end of the war. Some years thereafter he was in the employ of Adams Express Company on the Pan Handle road, and was "queer." His mental unsoundness at last led to his discharge, and it is said he is living on a farm in Minnesota.

A gentleman observed an urchin who had a large slice of bread in his hand, and who was crying very bitterly. "My son," he exclaimed, "what are you crying about?" "Mother won't—"boo-hoo-oo—put any butter on my bread—boo-hoo-oo!" "Oh, is that all?" said the gentleman; "Come, dry up your tears and be a man." "It ain't so much the butter," retorted the little urchin; it's the disposition of the old woman."

"Ann," observed a housekeeper to the hired girl the other morning, "as we have entered upon the dawn of another century of our nation's history, I guess you had better get a tooth-brush of your own.

The proper velocity for the periphery of a circular saw is nine thousand feet per minute, or one hundred miles an hour. A saw 12 inches in diameter should make 3000 revolutions per minute.

"Shall I have your hand?" said an exquisite to a belle, as the dance was about to commence. "With all my heart," was the soft response.

A little girl at a school examination in reading her piece changed Keats's verse into "A thing of beauty is a boy forever."

Follow Thou Me.

Oh where shall we follow Thee, Saviour beloved?
To Kedron where oft thou hast thoughtfully roved?—
Each rill of enjoyment that winds through our care
Is Kedron, if thou wilt but walk with us there.

Oh where shall we follow Thee, Jesus, our friend?
To Bethany whither Thy feet loved to tend?
Our fireside is Bethany, peaceful and blest,
And ne'er will we wander, with Thee for our guest.

Oh where shall we follow Thee, Master adored?
To the beautiful city that knows not her Lord?
Alas for our streets full of anguish and pain!
Toil with us for cities wept over in vain.

Oh where shall we follow Thee, tenderest guide?
To the sweet, mournful garden down Olivet's side?—
Ah! here is Gethsemane, here where we mourn,
Here strengthen us, Thou who our sorrow hast borne.

Oh where shall we follow Thee, thou Lamb of God?
Up Golgotha's death steep, for us meekly trod?
The thorns pierce our temples, the cross bears us down,
Like Thine, make our Calvary garland our crown!

Oh where shall we follow Thee, conquering Lord?
To Paradise unto us outcasts restored?
It is paradise, Lord, in Thy presence to be,
And living or dying we're ever with Thee.

[Lucy Larcom.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

When the Captain at the Ninth Avenue Station returned from dinner recently, he found a lady awaiting him. She had a half-fierce, half-sorrowful look, and as the captain hung up his overcoat he said to himself that some one had been killing that woman's only cat, or the boys had clubbed her boss goat.

"You wanted to see me?" he asked, as he sat down.

She leaned forward until her sharp nose almost touched his cheek, and whispered:

"I did!"

"Has your husband been abusing you!" he inquired.

"No; I haven't any husband—it's the same old story!" she whispered.

"What old story?"

"Breach of promise."

"Let's see!" mused the captain, "didn't you have a similar complaint about three months ago?"

"I did," she answered.

"And a similar one about three months before that?"

"I did! I told you it was the same old story. Now, let me begin at the beginning and tell the story right through, and then see if you don't think I ought to have help from the police."

"Well, be brief."

"Don't tell a heart-broken woman to be brief," she said, and then wiping her eyes she began: "A year ago now I was in love. I was a promised bride. I was happy. In the midst of my happiness the base rascal married a girl in Windsor."

"That's No. 1," said the captain.

"Yes, that's No. 1. I was broken-hearted, but I loved again. He seemed like a nice man, and we were to go to Port Huron and live in grand style, and keep servants and all that. He turned out to be a liar and a wretch. He borrowed fifteen dollars of me and ran away."

"That's No. 2," said the captain.

"I loved again," she sighed. "It's curious how often people can love. I didn't let him know that I loved him until I found that he was worthy, and he didn't know what love was until he saw me. He went down to Toledo to see his dying uncle, and he never came back. He wrote me, though—wrote me that he could never marry a woman with a cork foot. Some one had deceived him. I haven't a cork foot. I was going to take poison, but I didn't. I concluded that a man who would find fault about a cork foot would be a mean husband, and so I let him go."

"And now for No. 4," said the captain.

"Turned out like all the rest," she replied, with quivering chin. "I loved him and he loved me, and was bliss until yesterday. Then I found out that he hadn't money enough to board him a week, and when I began to question him he grew mad and started for Chicago."

"And what do you want me to do?" asked the officer, as she bent her head and sobbed.

"Oh! I don't know. It seems hard that I should have to bear all this, while other women don't have any trouble at all!" How long—how long, captain, can a woman stand such conduct before the grave will hide her?"

"It's hard," he sighed.

"It wears on me, captain. I can't be loving all the time. I'm getting old, and I want to settle down and know where I am. It disturbs my peace of mind to love a fat man, and then a short man, and to be wondering whether we will have a cook and an upstairs girl, or whether we'll make the cook do all the work."—*Detroit Free Press.*

DYSPEPSIA—ITS CAUSE AND CURE.

The most universal cause of dyspepsia is eating too often, too fast, and too much. The general rules should be:

1—Eat thrice a day.

2—Not an atom between meals.

3—Nothing after two o'clock but a slice of cold bread and butter and one cup of hot drink.

4—Spend half an hour at least in taking each meal.

5—Cut up all meats and hard food in pea-sized pieces.

6—Never eat enough to cause the slightest uncomfortable sensation afterwards.

7—Never work or study hard within half an hour of eating.

The most universal and infallible indication that a person is becoming dyspeptic is some uncomfortable sensation coming on uniformly after each meal, whether that be in the stomach, throat or anywhere else. The formation of wind in the stomach, indicated by eructation, belching or otherwise, demonstrates that dyspepsia is fixing itself in the system. Then there is only one course to pursue, and that is infallible; eat less and less at each meal, until no wind is generated and no uncomfortable sensation experienced in any part of the body. No medicine ever cured confirmed dyspepsia; eating plain food regularly and living out of doors industriously will cure most cases.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

In Anoka, Minn., recently, a six-year-old girl was overheard telling her playmate that she had attended a church sociable the evening before, and that a little boy kissed her while they were engaged in a play, but she said, "That's no harm, 'cause it was our preacher's boy, you know."

THE HIRED GIRL FROM HOLLISTON.

His wife had been sick for three long, weary weeks. He had done the housework himself. He had got all he wanted of it. It wasn't such funny work, after all. There wasn't skin enough on his hands and arms to grease the bottom of a tea-cup. He had succeeded in smashing about every other piece of crockery in the house, used up about two-thirds of a barrel of flour, and hadn't got a decent loaf of bread out of the whole lot. He didn't claim to be a professional bed-maker—'twasn't his calling in life; but he'd slept on the rough edge of goose quills as long as he was going to. If there was a girl to be hired in the country he was going to have her.

He tried to strike a bargain with the washerwoman.

She didn't do housework; but she had a niece in Holliston he could get. But she wouldn't work for nothing, though.

He didn't care what she asked. He'd deed his property to her, she should sleep in the parlor chamber, and he'd play duets with her on the piano—if she'd only come.

She arrived on the 8 o'clock train next morning.

He met her at the depot with a hack, and a small boy to look after her baggage. Of stature there was at least 5 feet 8 inches, and avoirdupois enough to make a 200 pound weight discouraged.

"I have a carriage here for you," he said with tears of joy in his eyes; "the boy will look after your baggage."

Her magnificent pewter eye glistened like a silver mine, while she set her foot down upon the platform of the station with a thud like that of a pile-driver. "A kerrege? Who wants a kerrege? I'm not a cripple!" He rather thought not, as he sadly ruminated what a man's physical anatomy would amount to inside of two minutes after that mass of female bone and muscle had made for him with a rolling pin.

But he got home at last and escorted her to the sick room for instructions.

"I'll have something to eat, now!" he said to his wife, as he came in about an hour afterwards. "That girl is big enough to do the work for a summer hotel, with a billiard room thrown in."

That evening Biddy received her instructions from the sick matron to have pan cakes for breakfast.

That night he dreamed of broiled quail, turtle soup, and lobster salad.

"John!" groaned his wife about 5 o'clock the next morning, "for heaven's sake wake up! I'm suffocating? I do believe that girl is burning up the house."

"Pshaw!" he snarled, as he turned a hand spring out of that bed, "that's my breakfast. Guess if you hadn't had a good square meal for three weeks, you wouldn't kick up such a rumpus about a little smoke?"

He made a circular saw whirl for the kitchen.

He had helped fumigate a house with burning brimstone after a small pox visitation, he had smoked hams, and burned charcoal, but he had never seen so much smoke in so small a space as was packed up in that 7x11 kitchen.

"What in thunder makes all this smoke, Bridget!" he yelled.

"Ain't I cookin' yer blarsted pan cake?"

With a halo of smoke circling about his George Washington figure, and with his long, thin finger pointing at the stove, he savagely exclaimed:

"What do you call that thing smoking on the stove there—that thing in that twelve quart pan?"

"Didn't I tell ye 'twas afther bein' a pan cake? Where's your eyes, ye old bat!" thundered back Biddy, with a voice like the piping of all hands on deck of a man-of-war. "Shure, an' ain't it a pan, an' ain't the cake in the pan, bad cess to ye's!"

"Look here, now, young woman," he shouted, "I want you to understand I'm master of this house, and if you give me any more lip I'll kick you out of the back door! That thing looks more like a compost heap in a silk factory than like a pan cake. You are the biggest fool I ever—"

But Bridget cut short the tragedy by throwing the pan, contents and all, in his face. With curses loud and deep, he lit out of that kitchen and out of the house like a balloon in an equinoctial gale, without even stopping to say good bye to his wife. He got his breakfast at a restaurant, and his courtplaster at the corner druggist's, and during the forenoon sent up a note to the house to have that monster discharged; and now he goes about humming snatches from "Annie Laurie" and "Rest, Spirit, Rest."

If you know anything that will make a brother's heart glad, run quick and tell it; but if it is something that will cause a sigh, bottle it up.

"Thirteen million milch cows in this country assist to color the water for which the average citizen pays eight cents a quart," is the latest way of putting it.

He that cares only for himself has but few pleasures, and these few are of the lowest order.

Help others when you can, but never give what you cannot afford, simply because it is fashionable.

'Teacher—"What is the definition of flirtation?" Intelligent Young Pupil—"It is attention without intention."

One of the easiest and best ways to expand the chest is to have a good large heart in it.

Fifteen thousand bunches of violets are sold daily in Paris.

Suspended animation—A spider hanging at the end of a web.

Watering places that remain open all winter—The mouths of milk cans.

The first man who ever went round the world—The man in the moon.

The deeper the sorrow the less tongue hath it.

One loses all the time which he can employ better.

He who loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth keeping.

Why is a drawn tooth like things forgotten?—Because it's out of the head.

The soul that suffers is stronger than the soul that rejoices.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1876.

ANOTHER political manifesto is out. This time it comes from Wm. Cullen Bryant, Theodore D. Woolsey, Alexander H. Bullock, Horace White and Carl Schurz, asking for a conference of like-minded persons at New York on the 15th of May. The call is, of course, designed to influence the Presidential question, and to confuse the action of the republican party, for which favor the democratic party will greatly rejoice.

CONTRARY to general expectation, Mr. Stewart made no public bequests in his will, but left the whole of his immense property to his wife, with the exception of $1,000,000 given to Judge Hilton, his long-time legal and business adviser, and a few small legacies to some of his old employes and friends. But with his will, which was written three years ago, was a letter to his wife, in which he said that it was his purpose to make a number of public bequests, but as he had not had time to give the subject sufficient thought, he left the whole subject with his wife, requesting her to carry out the plans they had often talked over. Mrs. Stewart has transferred to Judge Hilton, for $1,000,000, the entire interest of her late husband in the business of the firm of A. T. Stewart & Co., including all the mills, real estate, &c., and the business will go on without interruption under the same firm name.

THERE have been twenty-eight hundred and six failures in the United States in the three months ending March 31, a number which exceeds those of any known previous quarter, the nearest approach being in the last quarter of 1875, when the failures numbered 2405 in this country. The amount of liabilities in the failures the first quarter of this year was $64,644,155, six millions less than in the previous quarter. These figures are not pleasant reading; they appear rather discouraging in fact, and look as though we were all going to the "demnition bow-wows." But it must be remembered that they indicate progress towards a healthy state of business. The mischief has been done in the years that are past, and these are the results of their extravaganee, and the sooner the superfluous manufacturers and dealers are weeded out the sooner will there be a genuine and permanent recovery of business.

IT is not an encouraging record which the Democratic House of Representatives at Washington has been making for itself in the four months of its existence. One of its first acts was a wholesale discharge of its employes who had served in the Union army, their places being given to ex-confederate soldiers. Then began an indiscriminate series of investigations into every branch of the public service, with the hope of unearthing a great amount of republican corruption, but which have been almost wholly fruitless, and have degenerated into little less than scandalmills; while the public business has been shamefully neglected and is badly behind. The proceedings in the Belknap impeachment case have been conducted with a bungling shiftlessness from the beginning, and when on Monday the defendant's counsel denied the Senate's jurisdiction, the House managers had to ask for time to consider the plea, though they knew for weeks just what it would be. And had it not been for the republicans, the House would have refused to deliver up Kilbourne, the witness committed for refusing to answer questions, in response to a writ of *habeas corpus* issued by one of the courts, as the democrats claimed, virtually, that in times of peace, even, the House could suspend the writ, if it chose to, for any length of time within the life of the House—a position which would have brought out the fiercest imaginable abuse from the democrats if it had been assumed by a Republican House. And now, as a fitting commentary on the action of the House at the opening of the session, the journal clerk and his assistant, a doorkeeper, and two or three more of the employes are likely to be discharged for various misdemeanors. And this is a sample of the boasted reform of the Democracy! "If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

PRESIDENT GRANT has vetoed the bill reducing the Presidential salary from $50,000 to $25,000 per annum from next March. The President very sensibly takes the ground that the salary of $25,000, fixed when the population of the country was but three millions, is insufficient now that the population is forty millions. When the salary was fixed at $25,000, members of Congress were paid $6 per day, averaging about $750 per annum, while now they get $5000 per annum. The President thinks that no one who has lived in Washington can regard $25,000 as a sufficient salary for the Chief Magistrate, and says that while it makes no difference to him personally, he is constrained to this course from a sense of duty to his successor. It is thought that the House will get around the veto by tacking the reduced salary on to one of the regular appropriation bills, which the President would not be likely to veto.

WE may now have the privilege of jingling the silver pieces in our pockets, as the government is ready to pay them out in exchange for fractional currency at the treasury in Washington, and at the various assistant treasuries. The currency will be redeemed in sums of five dollars or multiples thereof, assorted by denominations, and in amounts not exceeding $100, by a like amount of silver coin of the denominations of 10, 20, 25 and 50 cents. A new silver dollar is proposed, to be a legal tender for any amount not exceeding twenty dollars, except for custom dues and interest on the public debt.

Horace Greeley's cottage in the woods at Chappaqua, for nearly twenty years his country home, was destroyed by fire last Friday night.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

Indiana has a cat which is said to be 100 years old.

Louisiana expects to chalk up a large banana crop this year.

Poor old Santa Anna is still living in the city of Mexico, 80 years old.

Chinese mandarins wear six inch finger nails, stained like tortoise shell.

It is so warm in Alabama that bees are humming around the lips of Mobile girls.

A new style of Washington veil is flesh color, with a tinge of rose running through it.

A twenty-four pound baby was born in Pittsburg, and the mother weighed 120 pounds.

Eighty-six sailing vessels and six steamers were lost during the month of February.

In China a very rich man sometimes spends as much as $500 a year.

Twelve workmen have been killed so far in the construction of the Centennial buildings.

The last census of Japan places the population at 33,300,676, an increase of 189,000 in three years.

In 1875 222 persons were killed in London by being run over by vehicles, and nearly 3000 others were injured in the same way.

Mrs. Harriet B. Johnson of Elmwood, Ct., has a snuff-box made of a piece of George Washington's coffin.

The mother of the German Emperor, Queen Louise, celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth a few weeks ago.

Dexter Brothers, extensive cotton manufacturers in Pawtucket, R. I., have made an assignment.

It cost a crusty fellow at Onondaga, N. Y., $500 for calling a sweet feminine "a withered up old maid."

A Liverpool firm recently divided $200,000 among their employes who had been with them five years and more.

William H. Clary fell into the mud and water in a street at Leominster on the 10th inst., while in a fit, and was smothered to death.

Fishermen out of Portsmouth are catching halibut in deep water off Georges at a depth of 900 feet, which is very unusual.

When it is so stormy in Boston that it would not be right for scholars to attend school, a morning signal is given on the fire alarm bells.

Julia Noonan, a little daughter of William Noonan of Springfield, died of poison on Thursday of last week, having eaten water parsnips in mistake for flag-root.

Charleston, S. C., is now shipping North over 1000 quarts of strawberries daily, and by May will be shipping 30,000 to 40,000 quarts a day.

Farm laborers in Vermont are engaging themselves at $15 a month and board, where, last year, $25 was paid.

An eleven-year-old boy near Croton, N. Y., hung himself the other day to punish his father for refusing to take him to ride.

It is suggested that if some folks desire to do something extraordinary to celebrate the Centennial year, they had better pay their debts.

John H. Phillips of Manchester, N. H., lost three children Sunday from scarlet fever. They were all in their usual health in the morning.

The Park street Congregational parish of West Springfield have voted for a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in expenditures for the coming year, including the pastor's salary.

It is said that Timothy Lynde, a colored gentleman, "dreampt" where the body of S. C. Parsons of Northampton might be found. He told the diver his dream, and the diver looked there and found the body.

Oliver Hoyt of Stamford, Ct., has recently given $25,000 to the Centennial fund for the Wesleyan University. He gave a similar amount a few years ago.

Penny banks have been established in London in connection with the public schools, and within a few months 5266 children have deposited $5620.

A Philadelphia saloon keeper calculates that he will need exactly 1,000,000 long rye straws during the Centennial. These straws will show which way the juleps go.

Two large dry-goods houses in London have well salaried private chaplains to conduct morning prayers and give addresses to the young men and women in their employ.

That was despicable meanness, even of burglars, to rob an aged couple who had just celebrated their golden wedding at Huntington, Ct. The burglars got a cake with twenty gold dollars in the crust, and, having found some brandy, had a feast.

When the revenue detectives of Mobile boarded a steamer direct from Cuba the other day, the captain invited them below to dine, and while he was saying a very lengthy grace, the crew put ashore a lot of smuggled cigars.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Senate has been at work on the savings bank bill this week, making a number of amendments.

The House has voted $450,000 for the completion of the Danvers Lunatic Hospital, and $350,000 for the new Worcester hospital.

The railroad committee can't agree upon a report concerning the Boston & Albany road, and are hopelessly divided over the matter.

It is proposed to appoint a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the State.

The bill confirming the marriage of James Parton has passed both branches, and now James breathes easier.

Members grow talkative as the session nears its close, which doesn't look promising for an early adjournment.

The Senate and House are at loggerheads over the eligibility of Senator Cummings to his State directorship in the Boston and Albany railroad. The House, after receiving an opinion from the Attorney-General, claims that his seat is vacant, but the Senate does not see it in that light, and refuses to join the House in the election of a successor.

AND now Bristow, the immaculate, is taking his turn at being charged with corruption. He gets mad about it, and swears there is no such thing. It is a political Roorback, no doubt, same as the charges against Blaine, but no prominent man can escape in the general onslaught that is made at Washington.

THE republicans hold their State convention at Boston next Wednesday to choose their delegates to the Cincinnati convention. Both ex-Govs. Claflin and Talbot will be out of the question, as they will both be out of the country when the national convention occurs, consequently interest in new candidates increases.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

WE can't begin to tell, in a short item, the pretty things Miss Weeks has for the ladies, young and old. Her French chips, shepherdess and turban hats, trailing vines, cashmere and ecru laces will delight the eyes of her visitors.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The new notes of the Palmer National Bank will soon be issued.

The milliners have "opened" their spring goods, and the ladies are happy.

Dr. Stowe of Gilbertville talks of removing to this village for the practice of medicine.

Seth W. Smith & Co. open their new grocery store in Allen's block this morning.

A fine cactus plant at the drug store of Allen & Cowan, measures more than 4 feet in hight.

John Converse is making considerable improvement on the Sexton place, recently purchased by him.

Bishop Paddock is to visit and officiate at the Episcopal mission in this village on the 28th of May.

Mrs. Crawford's organ concert, announced for next Thursday evening, is postponed one week to May 4th.

Rev. A. H. Sweetser of Springfield delivered his closing lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress" at Wales Hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Smith will open a laundry in the rear of Cross' block next week, and proposes to do work in first-class style.

Rev. D. G. Ashley of Wilbraham will preach at the Union church at Butlerville tomorrow (Sunday) at the usual hours of service.

The republicans will meet at the Town House this (Saturday) evening to elect delegates to the State convention at Boston next Wednesday.

F. V. Streeter of Springfield invites all the children of the village to meet him at Wales Hall at 4½ o'clock Monday afternoon for a little sing. All free.

E. M. Turner, the new landlord of the American House, is making needed improvements about the place, and his old friends are not slow in finding him out. He was obliged to turn away 15 travelers one night this week, "by reason of the press."

The latest centennial relic is a piece of paper money, bearing date of 1776, the face value of which was eight dollars. It was found several years ago, with others, in the garret of the Monson Poor Farm, and is now the property of George Mills of Palmer.

The Schumann club of Springfield is surely coming *next* Monday evening, and it comprises a number of excellent musicians, including the brilliant and talented young pianist, Miss Ida Webster, who has had the advantages of European travel and study.

Ruth A. Smith, a colored damsel, graced the district court room with her presence Thursday morning, and pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace. She was fined $3 and costs, in default of which she was committed.

Mr. Trimble, a young man from Tennessee, who has, according to his own story, been through a pretty thorough course of intemperance, gave a graphic account of his experiences with the demon alcohol, at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon, and was attentively listened to by a good sized audience.

J. K. Knox of this town is probably the most successful sheep-raiser in this section. He has a flock of 98, from which he has already got this spring, 10 pair of lambs and 18 single lambs, and he expects at least 32 more. His flocks bid fair to increase like those of Jacob, and bring him corresponding prosperity.

Rev. S. S. Cummings of the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers at Boston, will speak on the work of the Home, at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, April 30. He will be accompanied by a choir of children from the Home. In the morning of the same day he will speak in the Congregational church at Thorndike, and in the evening at Three Rivers, in the Baptist church.

We apologize—we ask to be forgiven, for we were mistaken in last week's issue in saying that it cost 15 cents more to send a message by telegraph from here to Boston than from Boston to Palmer. We should have said that it costs 15 cents more to send a message from here to Boston than it does from Springfield to Boston, which looks decidedly worse for the telegraph company than our first statement. Opposition makes the difference, no doubt; but why should people in the small towns be made to pay for the privileges at the larger offices?

Prof. Wheeler gave a good programme at his concert Thursday evening. The opening piece in each part was arranged for two pianos in unison, played by four of Mr. Wheeler's pupils from abroad, Miss Calhoun, Miss Merry and Misses Sturtevant. The Stimpson sisters of Westfield played a grand fantasie for piano, organ and violin, and Miss Fannie Stimpson, a young lady of 13, was recalled by a hearty encore after her violin solos from the "Bohemian Girl." The vocal soloists were Miss Annie Feeney of Palmer, Miss Lotta Sargent of Boston, and Mr. L. H. Luce of Taunton, who sang C. A. White's popular bass solo, "The Old Sexton." The contralto solo of Miss Sargent, "I love my love," and the duet of Miss Feeney and Sargent, "Do you remember," were finely sung, and brought out the full compass of their fine voices. Of Mr. Wheeler's piano pieces and Mr. Colburn's clarionet solos, it sufficeth to say that the audience were well pleased. The pianos used were from the manufactory of Guild, Church & Co., Boston, and the organ from S. R. Leland.

BONDVILLE.

A bed in the mill boarding-house at Duckville caught fire Tuesday afternoon, and caused considerable excitement, and some damage to the building.

THREE RIVERS.

A council is called for the organization of the new church in this village on Thursday, the 27th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Rev. Mr. Eustis, pastor of the Memorial church, Springfield, will preach at Mission chapel in the evening at 7½ o'clock.

BRIMFIELD.

The barn of Wm. E. Hitchcock, in the edge of Brimfield, was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning, together with a horse and 18 head of cattle. The fire was probably incendiary, and a family who had been warned out of one of Mr. Hitchcock's houses that day is suspected. The light of the fire was seen by distant neighbors about 3 o'clock, but Mr. Hitchcock knew nothing of it until called up at 5 o'clock by a Mr. Collis. The loss is estimated at $1500, on which there was an insurance for $800.

WALES.

Rev. J. L. Shepardson, pastor of the Baptist church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist churches at Greenfield and Turner's Falls, and enters upon his new duties at once.

The sale of Elijah Shaw's woolen mill, advertised for last Friday, did not come off, and has been postponed until May 5th. The men who went to buy it forgot all about it, owing to an interesting talk in which they were engaged in a store.

WARREN.

J. W. Chadsey and B. W. Harmon are the delegates chosen to attend the Republican State Convention. They go uninstructed.

Patrick Lynch's barn at West Warren was burned by an incendiary fire last Friday night. Insured.

J. B. Sibley is about increasing his help, having contracted to make the tin work of a new patent wash-stand, which has a reservoir at the bottom for the water, and is made available by a small pump, while the waste water runs into a pail fitting close to the bowl.

MONSON.

The Dramatic club give their entertainment on Friday evening next, the 28th.

At the adjourned town meeting last Monday the vote in regard to the highways of the previous meeting, was reconsidered, and the selectmen will appoint surveyors and have general management.

The item in last week's JOURNAL indicating the defence of the town in the Knowlton case to be that Knowlton was intoxicated, was news to all who attended court, as no such defence was offered.

Mark Knight, who has been stopping with Sheriff Bradley for some time past, was in town last Saturday for a short time, the appearance of things warranting his leaving town about as soon as a fleet horse could carry him.

Mrs. W. H. King has a calla lily not yet a year old, which measures 5½ inches high, the leaves 18 inches long, and it measures 12 inches in circumference at the roots.

Miss Mary Smith commences her juvenile singing school this Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the same place, and on the same terms as last year.

Henry Mathews comes out with a new covered milk wagon, making three now running, and Horatio Lyon is going to put a new water-wheel in his mill.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

James Weeks has bought of Roswell P. Root his blacksmith shop and business in this village, and is now running the same. Mr. Root retires from business. J. B. Cunningham, who has owned and carried on the blacksmith business in the shop heretofore many years, has returned from Springfield, and is located here again, but is out of business.

Dr. D. W. Bottum has returned to town after an absence of some two years in Stafford, Ct.

The town raised money to pay for a new burying ground the 3d inst. Some thought the new ground was not needed, but with three doctors in this village the necessity of the purchase is evident.

The three societies here are holding union meetings once a week. Two have been held in the Methodist church. Next Tuesday it is to be held at the Baptist church.

The Congregational society held their annual parish meeting Tuesday. Mortimer Pease was chosen parish clerk; Marcus Beebe, treasurer; Wm. R. Sessions, M. H. Warren and John N. Isham, parish committee. The parish voted unanimously to unite with the church in giving a call to the Rev. E. P. Root to settle with them in the Gospel ministry. There was a brisk sale of slips and enough sold on the spot to raise the salary of their minister—a thing not done for years. The society have also, during the past year, relieved themselves from a heavy debt, and are quite pleased and happy at their future prospects.

Rev. Mr. Day is back from conference to the M. E. church for another year, and Mr. Cook remains with the Baptist church; so all three societies are in running order for another year.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Snow can still be seen on the hill east of the village, which has remained since the middle of October.

We learn that there was a regular established ring fight on or near Water street last week, with no interference from any officer or citizen.

We are glad to learn that Canterbury and Barnes have been re-appointed watchmen this spring with power of constables, and hope that all may be quiet hereafter.

The Geo. H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company will, for the present at least, run their mills, both at Ware and Gilbertville, but four days in a week, stopping Fridays and Saturdays.

Rev. Mr. Bigelow, although having been returned to the Methodist society from conference, has been changed, and it is expected that he will be succeeded by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Rockville.

That famous sign, "Ezra Allen," which has so long withstood the vicissitudes of the weather on Guild's block on Main street, was taken from its position last Wednesday morning and destroyed.

A little sequel to the Murphy-Flanagan case, which has been so much discussed in the courts and town meetings for several years past, was the pounding pretty severely of Murphy last Tuesday. We think the time has come when the town should do something, if anything can be done, to quiet this broil.

The Episcopalians, Unitarians, Catholics and the Union society, all had their places of worship quite extensively trimmed last Sunday. In Music Hall there was a large display of living and some cut flowers, while over the desk, on an arch, was the motto: "Christ, our Lord, has risen to-day."

The Union society has been officered as follows for the year ensuing: Prudential committee, Horace Bond, Geo. D. Utley, John Osgood; clerk, W. T. D. French; treasurer and collector, D. J. Emerson; advisory committee, W. C. Sheldon and Henry Bassett, leaving one vacancy to be filled at the next meeting.

We have received P. T. Barnum's advance courier for 1876. Mr. Barnum will this year eclipse all his previous efforts, as well as those of other show men, having secured many rare curiosities, animals and performers at a cost of over $1,500,000. Mr. Barnum conveys his show through the country in three special trains of steel cars.

At the caucus last Thursday evening, Chas. A. Stevens, Addison Sandford and Henry C. Davis were chosen delegates to the State Republican convention to be held at Boston the 26th, and Wm. Hyde, H. C. Davis and Wm. B. Lawton were chosen to attend the 10th District Congressional convention to be holden at Greenfield, but which has not yet been called.

Rev. E. S. Fitz, pastor of the Congregational church at Southampton, has been found guilty of undue familiarity with the boys and girls of his flock, and has been deposed from the ministry.

The execution of Piper is assigned for the 26th of next month. Frost, the Petersham murderer, will be hung the same day.

Fragments.

—Use glycerine for croup.

—Queen Victoria grows homely daily.

—Beer fattens parlor ivy and geraniums.

—Watermelons are ripening in Florida.

—Around Washington peach trees are in bloom.

—Leap year motto: "Let no single man escape."

—Check reins and blinders for horses are going out of fashion in England.

—Victoria Woodhull couldn't get a hall to lecture in at Boston.

—East Hampton sends Bristow delegates to the State convention.

—Columbia, Tenn., with 6000 population, had only 24 deaths last year. "Hail Columbia!"

—The Boston Post has been sold to an association of democratic gentlemen for about $150,000.

—Prof. Collins, of Whitefield, N. H., claims that he can chemically treat water so as to produce a cheaper and better light than kerosene. Let's have it, then.

JAMES H. MORTON, judge of the Police Court at Springfield, has resigned on account of continued ill health. He is one of the ablest police magistrates in the State, and has filled the position he occupies ever since the police court was established. A number of candidates want to be his successor, and there is a good deal of interest felt in the matter at Springfield.

It really looks now as though the extradition of the forger Winslow may fall through. It is reported that he will come home anyway, if discharged, and give himself up. But this part of the story is rather doubtful.

The Whiting Paper Company of Holyoke have sent to the centennial a ream of the largest paper ever manufactured. The sheets measure 6 feet by 18, each of them weighing a little more than four pounds, while the whole ream weighs about a ton. If cut up into ordinary note paper it would make 500,000 sheets, which, placed end to end, would extend 50 miles. In order to ship it, a large sized car had to be procured from the Pennsylvania road, and the end of the car removed to take it in. The paper is of the finest quality, and will probably be cut up into ledger paper after the exhibition.

The baby farming business at Montreal is attracting much attention. Seven hundred and nineteen babies were received at the Gray Nun Hospital in that city last year, of whom only *eighty-eight* survived! The Board of Health have been discussing the subject, and have arrived at the grave conclusion that the babies should be supplied with pure milk at stated intervals, and that their death was a great loss to the country in population. Four hundred and twenty-one of the illegitimate children belonged to Montreal. Forty-seven were sent from the United States.

Amherst College finds its income seriously diminished this year. The Hitchcock fund of $100,000, the income of which is devoted to scholarships and professorships, will be wholly unproductive. The fund is invested in Ogdensburg and Lamoille Valley Railroad bonds, which have already passed two dividends, and there is no prospect of immediate resumption. As a consequence about fifty students who were the recipients of scholarships of $100 each from this fund, are greatly embarrassed, and some fear they must leave the college.

The recent failure of Hon. Newell Giles, Treasurer of the Rockport Savings Bank, discloses the unpleasant fact that the affairs of that institution are in a bad condition, and a temporary injunction has been put upon the bank restraining it from transacting business until its affairs can be straightened out. It is hoped that the depositors will not lose more than their dividends.

The dwelling house, barns and sheds on the estate of the late Samuel Austin at Suffield, Conn., a line of buildings over 400 feet long, were burned Monday night by an incendiary fire, with five horses, four cows, a yoke of oxen and 27½ cases of tobacco. The loss exceeds $40,000, covered by insurance.

Minneapolis takes to woman suffrage gracefully. Under a new law permitting women to vote for school officers, about two hundred voted last Tuesday. They were very politely received by the assembled crowd, and the ballot boxes were decorated with flowers in their honor.

The tramps had a grand convention in Pennsylvania the other day. Fifteen of the fraternity who were ejected from an empty freight car at Lackawaxen on Saturday were on their way to it, and said that more than 200 delegates had passed over the road during the previous 24 hours.

Moody and Sankey closed their revival services in New York Wednesday evening. During the last three days of the meetings Mr. Moody procured subscriptions amounting to $143,000, contingent on $200,000 being raised, in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Two clairvoyants predicted the largest fire at Norwich, Conn., Sunday night, which ever occurred in that city, and the people were considerably alarmed. Several fires have occurred lately, and two incendiary machines were discovered Saturday night. But the fire did not come.

Two sons of Geo. L. Britton of Surry, N.H., were attacked by an eagle recently while at work in the sugar orchard. The bird alighted on the shoulder of one of the boys. The other being near struck the eagle with a sap bucket and drove him away. The boys were thoroughly frightened.

The Washington grand jury has indicted Gen. Babcock, Harrington, Whiteley, Benton, Miles, Nettleship and Somerville for complicity in the safe robbery in the district attorney's office a year or two ago, and it is to be hoped that no guilty man will escape.

Henry C. Bowen has withdrawn from the Congregational Union, following the example of Rev. Drs. Storrs, Budington and others.

SEVERE CHARGES AGAINST A CLERGYMAN.—Rev. C. D. Lothrop, a retired Congregational clergyman living at Amherst, and an active worker in the church at that place, is accused of gross cruelty in his family. The charges in general are that he has for years been in the habit of ill-treating his wife, horse-whipping his three daughters, and depriving the family of necessary food, providing them with "chicken" or refuse meat, which they could eat or go without. A pet rabbit which belonged to one of the daughters was accidentally killed, and was cooked for dinner, and the daughter was forced to partake of it by the use of the horse-whip. The eldest daughter, Anna, aged 20, ran away from home last fall, and has been teaching music in Newton. The facts have come to light through the confession to her pastor of the second daughter, Mary, aged 17, who had fully made up her mind to commit suicide, and who is now cared for by friends. Mr. Lothrop denies the charges, and claims that Mary is demented. The affair will probably be investigated by the church.

A NOBLE GIFT.—Mrs. Wm. H. Osborne, of New York, has purchased, for $65,000, Cozzen's Hotel, at West Point, with forty acres adjacent, and presented the entire property to the Governors of the New York Hospital, to be used, under their direction, as a home for convalescents from every hospital in the city.

The overflow of the Mississippi at Quincy, Ill., and at Bolivia, Mississippi, has caused much suffering among the inhabitants of those localities. Houses, barns and other property have been swept away, and the damage is roughly estimated at a million dollars. The cotton crop in Louisiana is said to be seriously damaged by the high water. There have been serious floods in Michigan, and several railroads were badly washed. The St. Lawrence river has also been on a "high," and at one time there were fears for the Victoria bridge at Montreal, the ice being piled up to the tubing.

The Worcester city council has voted to rebuild the Lynde Brook reservoir dam as soon as possible, and in the most thorough manner. The expense is estimated at $30,000. Mayor Jillson recommends a liberal policy in settling with parties having claims for damages.

California is rather going for the liberty of the press in that State. A bill requiring every original article or letter published in a newspaper to be signed with the writer's name has passed the Senate.

Lexington and Concord celebrated on Wednesday in a modest manner the 101st anniversary of the stirring revolutionary events which rendered those towns famous.

About fifty survivors of the Sixth Regiment, which marched through Baltimore April 19, 1861, held their annual reunion at Lowell Wednesday.

ALL persons visiting Springfield will do well, if in want of boots or shoes, to call at Fay's, 382 Main street, where a large assortment can be found suitable for men's, ladies' and children's wear. Prices low, and the work reliable.

LYON'S KATHAIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-26

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To Consumptives.—The advertiser, a retired physician, having providentially discovered, while a Medical Missionary in Southern Asia, a very simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of *Consumption*, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all throat and lung affections,—also, a positive and radical specific for Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all Nervous complaints, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the recipe for preparing, and full directions for successfully using, this providentially discovered remedy. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this discovery without cost, can do so by return mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, DR. CHARLES P. MARSHALL, 33 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y. 1y51

BORN.

At Ware, 19th, a son to FRED. C. BLOOD.

MARRIED.

At Stafford, Ct., 13th, CHARLES DUNCAN and HATTIE MERRIAM, both of Palmer; 15th, WILLIAM H. NEWELL and Mrs. MARTHA J. KING both of Monson.

At Ludlow, 18th, FRANK W. ROBERTS of Wilbraham, and LINA HALE of Champlain, N. Y.

At Belchertown, 12th, MYRON G. WARD and ELLA A. RANDALL.

DIED.

At Monson, 21st, HATTIE S., 33, wife of Dr. G. E. Fuller. Funeral Sunday, at 3 p. m., from the house.

At West Brookfield, 21st, DAVID CLOUGH, 63, formerly of South Wilbraham.

At Brimfield, 14th, Dea. PAUL W. PAIGE.

At Ware, 19th, Mrs. MARIA E. LEWIS of Westfield.

FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRY.

Mrs. J. W. Smith has opened a First-class Laundry in rear of Cross' Block, Palmer, and will do all kinds of fine and common washing in the best manner. Polishing, finting and ruffling done in the nicest style.

Palmer, April 21, 1876. tf

GRAND CONCERT

—AT—

WALES HALL,

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 1876.

BY THE

Schumann Club of Springfield,

Composed of

Miss EMMA TAYLOR, Soprano,
Miss MARY A. BODWELL, Contralto,
Mr. HENRY KING, Tenor,
Mr. ARTHUR H. WRIGHT, Basso,
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Assisted by the Brilliant Pianst,
MISS IDA WEBSTER.

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The projectors of this entertainment assure the public that it has real merit. Miss Ida Webster is considered one of the first Pianists of this section, and the Schumann Club need no special mention where their ability is known.

The admission fee is not made to cover expenses, but it is the endeavor on the part of the management to furnish this community an opportunity of spending an evening in an improving way.

The elevating influence of good music must commend itself to all. 1w4

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The store recently occupied by E. L. DAVIS has been enlarged and fitted up expressly for a nice, full stock of

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which I intend to keep and sell at prices that cannot fail to suit. The stock consists of

PLAIN AND EMBROIDERED COLLARS AND CUFFS,

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These goods have been bought at a low price for cash, and will be sold at a small profit.

I will here say to my old patrons, I shall be very happy to wait upon you again, and to all the good people of neighboring towns,

COME AND EXAMINE

my stock and prices. Here you will find everything as nice as can be bought in Boston or New York, and at a much less cost. I hope to have a share of the public patronage. I shall also carry on

THE DRESS-MAKING BUSINESS,

and shall be happy to meet you in that department. A portion of my time and attention will be given to it, and with competent help, which has been secured, I can assure you your work shall be quickly and well done.

MRS. S. WHITMAN,

57 Main Street.

Palmer, April 22, 1876. 3m4

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—By virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, on the first of the parcels of land hereinafter described, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the two following described tracts of land, situate in Wales, in said county, and being the property of William Soule, late of Wales, deceased. The first of said tracts is situate in the northwesterly part of said Wales, and is a part of the old Ballon farm, so called, being the same described in a deed dated November 30th, A. D. 1843, and recorded in the Hampden registry of deeds, book 127, page 78, containing 59 acres of land, more or less.

The second of said tracts is known as the Gulf lot, and is situate in the southwesterly part of said Wales, containing twenty-four acres of land, more or less, and being the same described in a deed dated February 4th, A. D. 1867, and recorded in the Hampden registry of deeds, book 250, page 15.

Both of said tracts have valuable young timber growing thereon, increasing in value every year. Terms Cash. ANSON SOULE, Adm'r.

West Brookfield, April 17, 1876. 3w4

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FIFTY-TWO CLASSES,

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The largest Bench Show ever held in the United States.

Tickets of Admission,.....25 Cts.
Children under 12 years,.....15 "
Season Badges,.....$1,00.

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.—The inhabitants of the town of Palmer are hereby notified to bring in to the subscribers, assessors of said Palmer, on the first day of May next, at 10 o'clock, at the Town House, true lists of all their polls and of all their estates, both real and personal (not exempt from taxation), of which they are possessed on the first day of May.

JOHN CLOUGH, } Assessors
DAVID KNOX, } of
D. B. BISHOP, } Palmer.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Henry H. Perry, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

HENRY H. PERRY, Adm'r.

Palmer, April 4th, 1876. 3w4

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OLD SACHEM BITTERS,

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PURELY VEGETABLE,

and a good remedy for loss of appetite, indigestion, biliousness, general languor and constipation. This is carefully prepared from a combination of our best known vegetable products, and can be relied upon as an excellent spring remedy.

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A one-price man must take good heed,
To make his prices low,
For jockeys will, to *save* a trade,
Take a fair price, you know.

But why the "ONE-PRICE" plan is best,
There is no beating down—
You get as low a price at first
As can be found in town.

At P. O. P. C. H. is where
One Price began to be—
Wise prophets saw its early death,
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Palmer, April 7, 1876.

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Palmer, April 7th, 1876. 3w2

NOTICE!

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WINDOW SHADES AND FIXTURES,

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He can offer this season even more than his usual variety of

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And other goods in his line.

☞ All kinds of PLAIN and DECORATIVE Paper Hanging, Fresco Papering, Whitening, &c., done to order.

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Palmer, April 7, 1876. 6m2

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Waltham and Elgin, in Solid Silver cases, warranted good time-keepers, for $14 and upwards.

Also, in stock, a good line of Solid Gold and Plated Jewelry, Clocks, &c. Watch repairing a specialty.

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We offer the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in the City,

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Prescriptions Carefully Compounded

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The finest lot of SPONGES ever opened in Palmer, very cheap. Also, genuine chamois skins.

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35 FEET WIDE by 200 FEET LONG,

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EXTRA SUPERFINE CARPETS,

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For an answer. We are bound to make our "Centennial" sale a GRAND SUCCESS, and have made prices that we believe will do it. Send for our new price list, or, what's better, come yourself and look at the bargains. Ask for the "Centennial Sale" in the rear of the store.

O. D. MORSE,

Proprietor Central Shoe Store,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

☞ See sign of the Boot and Shoe over the entrance. 4w3†

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Eli Cross, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain Instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by Mary Cross and Elijah G. Murdock, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to such next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER,

3w2 Register.

A CARD.

Having resigned my position with Haynes & Co., I take pleasure in informing my friends and customers that after this date I shall be found with the new clothing house of Elliott & Harris, where I shall be glad to meet all who may favor me with a call. M. L. STEBBINS,

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Springfield, April 8th, 1876. 4w2

NEW MARKET.

Mr. DODGE respectfully informs his friends that he has opened a new market in French's Block, on Central street. A large and fresh stock of the best.

MEATS, POULTRY, VEGETABLES,

and CANNED FRUIT constantly on hand. Your custom solicted. Promptness guaranteed.

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Palmer, Dec. 17th, 1877. 38tf

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—APRIL 23d.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON.

The Early Christian Church—Acts ii, 37-47

Verse 37. The impressions made upon the hearers. The sting in v. 36 aided in producing them. In the first place their feelings; in the second place their wills were deeply moved. They were "piereed" in heart, and then asked, "What shall we do?"

Verse 38. Peter's instructions in view of the impressions made demands (1) that the whole moral state of the hearers undergo a change, and (2) that they be baptized, and thus recognize Jesus and submit to him as their Lord and Messiah.

The accompanying promises. Peter promises, on condition of their obedienee to duty, that they shall have (1) pardon of their sins, and (2) the gift of the Holy Spirit.

V. 39. The foundation of the promises specified. The promise was intended (1) for you, (2) for your children, and (3) for all, including the heathen.

Verse 40. Testimony and exhortation do not belong apart. The latter should always be founded on the former—"Save yourselves, etc." Men must not resign themselves to the spirit of the place or the times. Avoid the congregation of the wicked.

Verse 41. The ultimate result. The three thousand "added" were first baptized, and then more fully instructed subsequently. The apostles did not make baptism "an exhibition of certificates of their full-grown 'believers.'"

Verse 42. The daily walk of the newly converted. Receiving fuller teaching they regularly grew in knowledge and dutifulness. They cultivated fraternal fellowship, adhered to the religious meals which ended with the Lord's Supper, and diligently used all varieties of prayers, both new ones and old ones.

Verse 43. The effect upon the unconverted. They recognized the finger of God and felt His power. He held back their mouth with bit and bridle. The undeniably sincere conversion of so many awed them.

Verse 44. Social effects upon the youthful Christian congregation. They "were together," both in private houses and in the temple. Each man regarded his property as intended for the use of all others as much as for his personal use. It is not difficult to detect many causes of the decline from the piety of the Apostolic church. Not least among them is the establishment of that standard which allows men, unrebuked, if they so desire, not to hold their property for the good of their fellowmen.

Verse 45. Further effects. These things were done, not by compulsion, but under the natural impulse of love.

Verse 46. They did not entertain the thought of founding a sect. But they met in private assembly from time to time. They even took their food, sanctified by praises and thanks to God. They enjoyed temporal things as no other men of their time enjoyed them. They were not of a sad countenance as the hypocrites are.

Verse 47. Growth from the attractiveness of the disciples' lives. The growth steadily proceeded without bustle and noise on the part of Christians. The church "herself was a living tract on the saving power of the Gospel. Her image performed the part of a missionary."

Somebody gave Paddy McGrath a pickled egg yesterday. Paddy bit it in two, opened his mouth, made a face and said: "Be me sowl, I'll go before ony Jedge or jury in the wurreld an' take me oath dhat the hin that led that egg had the dyspipsy or heartburn."

"Sambo, why is a chimney-sweep one ob de happiest men alive?" "I s'pose kase he knows de joys ob de fireside." "No, dat ain't it. Do you gub it up?" "Sartain, Jake, sartain." "Well, den, kase he's easy (soo'ted) suited.

A Gloucestershire peasant had wrestled for a long time with a very tough piece of oak, on which he had been unable to make any impression, and at last burst out with the imprecation, "Dom the pigs that didn't eat thee when thou wast an acorn."

Charity is a virtue at all times, in all places. It is not so much an independent grace in itself, as an energy which gives the last and highest finish to every other, and resolves them all into one common people.

"My son," said an old man, "beware of prejudices. They are like rats, and men's minds are like traps; prejudices get in easily, but it is doubtful if they ever get out."

Wanted—A cover for bare suspicion, a veil for the face of nature, buttons for the breaches of privileges, binding for a volume of smoke, cement for broken engagements.

What is the difference between a Jew and a lawyer?—The one gets his law from the prophets, and the other his profits from the law.

What are Raphael's Madonnas but the shadow of a mother's love, fixed in permanent outline forever.

"He who laughs can commit no deadly sin," said the wise and sweet-hearted woman who was the mother of Goethe.

Self-depreciation is not humility, though often mistaken for it. Its source is oftener mortified pride.

Why is a son who objects to his mother's second marriage like an exhausted pedestrain? Because he can't "go" a step-father.

A cobweb is soon spun, and still sooner swept away.

Good words and good deeds are the rent we owe for the air we breathe.

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We shall open throughout the season every desirable Novelty the market affords, and hope by fidelity and ability in supplying the wants of the trade to merit the increased trade we seek.

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SPRING OF 1876.

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of all kinds, which I will sell as low as the same class of goods can be bought elsewhere. I shall do my best to keep up Mr. Smith's reputation for keeping FIRST-CLASS GOODS. I shall do this by paying cash and buying of old established houses.

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Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

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LEAD PIPE, of any size or thickness,

At lowest market prices for goods of equal quality. FRANCIS BROWN, Treasurer,

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I can supply any in want of this delicious fruit with good, strong plants, well rooted, this spring, for $1.50 per dozen at my place, or by mail, free, for $2.00 per doz. Also, a few pounds of

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Palmer, Feb. 25th, 1876. 49tf

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Palmer, Jan. 25th, 1876.

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Nov. 17, 1874. 25-38tf

GEORGE W. RANDALL,

AUCTIONEER & DEPUTY SHERIFF,

has fitted up an office in Allen's new block, Church street, where he will hereafter be permanently located.

Palmer, Jan. 9th, 1875. 45tf-25

RE-OPENED!

M. FOX

would respectfully announce to the citizens of Palmer and vicinity that he has re-opened the

RESTAURANT & DINING ROOMS

in the basement of the Commercial block, lately occupied by L. A. Nelson, and Frank Wood, where he will be happy to wait upon all of his old customers, and many new ones who may desire anything in his line.

PROVIDENCE RIVER AND FAIR HAVEN OYSTERS,

FRUIT and NUTS, at wholesale and retail.

☞Also, good board by the day or week.

M. FOX.

Palmer, Jan. 7, 1875. 45tf

F. M. EAGER,

Would inform the people of

PALMER AND VICINITY

that on and after July 1st, 1875, his prices for Boots and Shoes made to measure will be:

Men's French Calf Sewed Boots,	$7 to $8
Men's French Calf Sewed Shoes,	6 " 7
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A good assortment of Men's Calf Boots constantly on hand, all of my own manufacture, at from $4 to $5 a pair. Repairing neatly done at short notice. Yours truly, F. M. EAGER, Palmer, Mass.

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Things sweet to say and hear;
A time to seek, and find thee near;
Then no more any seeking.

A little time for saying
Words the heart breaks to say;
A short, sharp time wherein to pray;
Then no more need for praying.

But long, long years to weep in,
And comprehend the whole
Great grief that desolates my soul,—
And eternity to sleep in.

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AN AMAZON'S RECEPTION.

AN INCIDENT OF 1779.

"Tryon is coming! Tryon is coming!" was the cry that blanched many a cheek in Connecticut in the month of July, 1779.

This news that spread like wildfire about the towns of Fairfield and Norwalk was well calculated to incite alarm in patriot breasts, for Tryon was a merciless invader, and wherever he went the torch completed his work of destruction. In the month of February of the year just written he had ravaged Kingsbridge and Horse Neck, and now, for the second time, had entered the State.

His soldiers committed, under his very eye, atrocities of the most shocking description; they plundered without distinction; old and young, rich and poor felt alike the merciless hands of the king's man. East Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk were reduced to ashes, and a thousand acts of barbarous cruelty were perpetrated on the homeless patriots. A force sufficient to check the advance of the invader could not be raised in the State. Connecticut's able-bodied patriots were absent in the army, and their homes were as defenceless as the lion's whelps when the parents are away in search of food.

Governor Tryon knew that he would find Connecticut completely at his mercy, and congratulated himself on the easy conquest that invited him to her shores. He succeeded in his errand of devastation, and returned to his superiors with his name odious throughout North America, and his memory execrable to every patriot in the land.

Not far from Norwalk stood the plain home of Barbara Bidlack, whose husband was an artillerist doing duty under Knox. She was a large, muscular woman whose strength was prodigious; it had gained for her the singular *sobriquet* of "Mrs. Hercules," a title of which she was rather proud than otherwise. Her features were rather inclined to coarseness, and a close physiognomist would have concluded that there was Celtic blood in her veins. As she had no children, she was the sole occupant of her house, and her nearest neighbor was a young woman named Haven who had lost her husband at the battle of Brier Creek.

Mrs. Bidlack, who seldom exchanged visits with the young widow, was not aware of Tryon's second invasion until he began to approach Norwalk. The terror of the inhabitants, many of whom were abandoning their homes, acquainted her with the disastrous state of affairs, and her eyes flashed fire when she exclaimed to the fugitives:

"You may go, if you wish; but two hundred such rascals as Governor Tryon cannot frighten Barbara Bidlack one inch from her home! If the red-coated scoundrel enters my house he'll meet with a reception he'll never forget!"

More than once she was urged to fly, but disdained with a proud and defiant curl of the lip, and awaited with eagerness the arrival of the invaders.

She was soon treated to the sight of Norwalk in flames, and saw the torch applied to her neighbors' houses. But the spectacle moved her not; she did not even barricade her door, nor suspend for a moment the performance of her household duties. But all the time there was an indignant gleam in her eyes, and more than once she glanced at the old musket which occupied one corner of her kitchen.

It was near the hour of noon one sultry day in July when Barbara Bidlack, about to discuss the frugal meal she had prepared, was startled by a heavy footstep.

Lifting her eyes from the steaming meat that graced the little table, she beheld a British officer standing in the door. His aspect did not frighten her in the least, though she knew from his uniform that he was a soldier of lofty rank.

"Another plate, Mrs. Hercules?" he commanded, in a haughty tone, striding forward, and, at the same time, putting his hand on the hilt of his sword, as if to frighten her.

She smiled derisively as she slowly rose to her feet.

"Who are you, sir?"

"I am a man devilishly well known hereabouts, and I dare say that the rebels will not soon forget me! My name is Tryon!"

"Governor Tryon, the British rascal—the man who burns houses over widows' heads, and robs the babe of its cradle? If you are Governor Tryon I know you for the meanest villain that ever trod New England soil."

Tryon's face grew crimson, but smothering his rage, he burst into a cruel laugh.

"You are just the vixen I heard you were?" he exclaimed. "They call you Mrs. Hercules throughout this region, and I must say you resemble the stable-cleansing god in build. Where is your husband?"

"Under the flag that wouldn't own you as a defender!" was the reply.

"He's a rebel, then!" said Tyron with a sneer.

"Like his wife! He's a soldier, too, and not a house-burner."

"Mrs. Hercules, I discover that my clemency is not recognized by the people of this State, and that my king's heart is supposed to contain no good. Why, my dear woman, the existence of a single house on the coast is a monument of King George's mercy, and mine! But we will discuss this subject at the table. I have ridden several miles to enjoy a *tete-a-tete* with a woman of whom I have heard much, and, besides, I am hungry. That meat looks palatable."

"It wasn't cooked for a British general!" exclaimed the fearless woman with flashing eyes, and the next minute she removed the meat and thrust into her rude cupboard, to the consternation of the governor.

"Come, come," he said, "I do not want to sit down to a cold dinner."

"Then go somewhere else and get your dinner! There are sneaking tories about Norwalk who would rejoice to tickle your tongue with the best they have in the house."

The Briton's anger rose again.

"I command that meat to be replaced upon the table!" he said, drawing his sword. "Your accursed insolence is not becoming to one of your sex; and I will bear it no longer! I can assure you now that to-morrow's sun will shine upon a heap of ashes instead of this hot-bed of rebellion. Now bustle about and get the last dinner you will ever set before a guest beneath this roof."

"You prefer a warm dinner?" Mrs. Bidlack replied, in a tone half-interrogative.

"A warm dinner, of course!" answered Tryon. "A British general does not sit down to cold meat and potatoes."

The strong-minded woman did not reply; but stepped before the fireplace on whose smoke-begrimed crane hung a large iron kettle. A volume of steam that rose from the water in the kettle showed that it was boiling, and the British officer did not divine her intention—not even when he saw her seize a gourd dipper from the wall and thrust it into the hot caldron.

"You shall be treated to a warm dinner in one minute if you don't leave my house!" cried Barbara, wheeling suddenly upon the renegade governor. "If you do not instantly make your odious self scarce, I'll scald you!"

Tryon's cheeks grew pale when he saw the steam that rose from the dipper which the patriot woman had suddenly jerked from the kettle. He saw by her flashing eyes that she would carry her threat into execution, and involuntarily moved toward the door.

"Get along!" she cried, advancing with her novel weapon. "I wonder what John would say if he knew that the infamous Tryon had entered our house. 'Twill take a week's scrubbing to erase your footprints from the floor."

"No need of scrubbing, madam!" hissed Tryon, angrily. "*I'm going to burn them out!*"

"Then you will save me work," retorted Barbara; "but move along! my water is getting cool, and might not hurt your brazen cheeks."

The officer retorted with a furious oath, and for a moment turned his back upon the Amazon.

His action changed the scene, for Barbara suddenly dropped the gourd and its steaming contents and seized him by the collar!

"I'll hasten your retreat, you miserable dog!" she exclaimed. "For a shilling I'd shake your bones into a heap;" and she almost lifted him from the floor, as if to give him an example of her celebrated strength.

Tryon, who at times enjoyed a joke could not appreciate the ludicrousness of his situation. He was mad with passion, and it was well for his enemy that her hold was secure. She bore him toward the door, and all at once sent him whirling from the threshold into the yard where he had left his horse.

"There! it is the best reception I can give a British general!" she shouted, when Tryon had checked his course. "Now go back to your house-burners, and send them here as quickly as possible. I've got a musket in the house and a goodly supply of ball. And mind you, red-coat Tryon, keep your distance!"

Standing near the steed which had witnessed his master's inglorious exit from Barbara's domicile, the governor listened to the last threat. I dare say that never before had he been so angry. He bit his whitened lips till they bled, and the hand which he lifted touched the butt of the pistol in the holster.

"I'm coming back!" he said, "and by the fire that consumes your house my men shall cook their suppers."

"But they will not enjoy them as you have your dinner!" said Barbara, sarcastically.

The governor did not reply, but sprung into the saddle and gathered up the reins.

"Good-bye, Mrs. Hercules!" he said, with mock gallantry.

"Come again when you are hungry!" she shouted after him, as he put spurs to his horse and galloped away toward Norwalk.

He disappeared in a minute, and Barbara Bidlack reentered her house with a smile of triumph on her face.

"I allow that he will not soon forget me!" she said to herself, and then quietly resumed a discussion of the repast which the haughty Briton had interrupted.

After dinner she gathered a few articles which she called valuable, and destroyed others which she thought might be called prizes by the plundering soldiery. Having done this she left the house to the mercy of the foe, and satisfied with her victory over Tryon, sought safety in flight. A longer stay beneath her roof would be the height of folly, for she knew that Tryon would carry his rage to attempts upon her life.

About sundown a company of the governor's troops swooped down upon the house like so many destroying eagles, and having ransacked it from cellar to garret, applied the invader's torch. Tryon was not among the destroyers; he feared the giantess who had given him such a warm reception, and her last threat admonished him to keep his person aloof.

Mrs. Bidlack lived to help her husband build a new house over the ruins of the old one, and to recount to amused listeners, long after the war, her story of Governor Tryon's reception.

ANYTHING BUT THAT.—He was on his knees to her. His face was flushed, his eyes gleamed passionately into her's, he talked rapidly:

"Nothing shall separate us evermore, my darling. For your sake I will beard the lion in his den! I will face death on the battle-field! I will skim the seas! I will endure all hardship, all suffering, all misery!"

He paused and looked eagerly to her, with his whole soul quivering in his eyes.

"Will you do all this for the sake of my love;" said she, gazing earnestly into the burning eyes.

"Yes, yes; a thousand times yes!"

"And if we wed," said she, flushing slightly, "will you get up first in the morning and build the fire?"

With a shriek of despair he fled.

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CENTENNIAL NOTES.

The price of admission will be fifty cents, payable in one note at the entrance gate, and admitting to everything that is to be seen during the time the visitor remains within the enclosure. No season tickets will be sold, nor will two twenty-five cent notes do for a single admission, nor a dollar note for two be taken at the gate. No matter how often a person leaves the ground during the day he must pay a fifty cent note each time that he re-enters. The hours of admission will be from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M., each day. Rolling chairs will be kept at designated stations within the principal buildings for the convenyance of visitors desiring to use them. With attendants, the charge per hour will not exceed 75 cents; without attendants, 35 or 50 cents for each class of chairs respectively. There will be plenty of ordinary chairs, which weary sightseers may use without charge. From soda-water fountains, in pavilions scattered throughout the buildings and grounds, a cooling draught may be had for a dime.

A building, entitled the "House of Public Comfort," will contain separate parlors for ladies and gentlemen, retiring rooms, barber shops, baggage rooms, etc. Retiring rooms are also located at the entrances to all the principal buildings. Near the carriage concourse will be carriage stands, at which checks will be given for vehicles left in charge. The telegraphic system will embrace a central office and numerous sub-offices, located in convenient parts of the buildings and grounds. In addition to the facilities of access offered by the different passenger railway companies and the steamboat company on the Schuylkill, a number of light wagonetts, seating ten passengers each, will be run between the city and the grounds by the Exhibition Transfer Co., the fare to be 50 cents each way. In the branch offices of the Centennial National Bank, established on the grounds, every facility will be afforded to visitors for dealing in coins and exchange, having letters of credit cashed, etc.

Localities in buildings can be determined by the columns supporting the roofs, which are both lettered and numbered, those in the main building being lettered from north to south, and numbered from east to west, and in Machinery Hall, lettered from north to south and numbered from east to west. Just above the entrance of the various buildings will be a numbered banner surmounted by a small flag. The color of the flag will correspond with the border of the banner, and indicate the class of the building, viz: Blue—buildings erected by the centennial commission; red—United States and State buildings; white—foreign buildings; yellow—restaurants, places of entertainments, etc.; green—miscellaneous buildings. In each of the State buildings a record of visitors' names will be kept, and a copy of each newspaper published in the State found on file.

The following special events are to occur during the exposition: Opening ceremonial May 10; grand ceremonies on the Fourth of July; harvesting display in Bucks county in June and July; trials of steam plows and tillage implements in the same place in September and October: exhibition of horses, mules and asses, September 1 to 15; exhibition of horned cattle, September 20 to October 5; exhibition of sheep, swine, goats and dogs, October 10 to 25, and the exhibition of poultry, October 28 to November 10. The main exhibition will close on the 10th of November, and all exhibits must be removed by the 31st of December.

THE MANTLE SHELF.—A good wooden mantle shelf can be greatly improved by being upholstered, and a bad one can be rendered endurable. If it is a desirable length and width it will not need to be reconstructed, but if it is too narrow and short for beauty you can have a board made half as wide again and a foot or more longer, and nail or screw it on to the original shelf. It is cheaper to cover two shelves instead of one, because one length of plush velvet or damask will make two covers by cutting it lengthwise through the centre. Strain the covering over the mantle and fasten it down with upholsterer's tacks; then add a valance, notched out all around, as a background for the fringe. Over this a silk or worsted fringe can be fastened on with large-headed gilt or silvered nails. The mantle hangings should always match the color of the other appointments of the room.

GRANT'S STRICTLY ANTI-SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.—The school is open. The class in spelling and defining will recite. "Spell creation," "creation." "Define it." "Bringing into being from nothing." "Stop! That is a religious idea. That is forbidden. Try again." "That power in matter by which it involves into higher and more perfect forms." "Hold! that is an atheistic idea. That is forbidden." "Well, by Jupiter, that is the—" Stop! my boy, that is a pagan idea prohibited in this school." "Spell soul." "Now define it." "The immortal substance—" "Hold on! That is a religious idea, prohibited." "Spell sin." "A transgression of the divine law." "I can't allow that; that is a religious idea." "That is what my book says." "Well, all of you bring new books tomorrow." "Master, where can you get the right kind of books?" "From General Grant."

"Jack!" screamed a bright-eyed, golden-haired, fair-faced little girl of not more than six summers, to her younger brother, who had dumped himself under the wall, where he was digging sand with a strip of shingle, "Jack, you good-for-nothing little scamp, you are the torment of my life! Come right into the house this minute, or I'll take the very hide off'n you; come in, I say!" "Why, Totty," exclaimed her father, who chanced to come up at that moment, "what in the world are you saying? Is that the way you talk to your little brother?" "Oh, no, papa," answered the child promptly, and with an innocent smile. "We were playing keep house, and I'm Jack's mamma, and I was talking to him just as mamma talked to me this morning. I never really spank him, as mamma does me sometimes."

The indefiniteness of most recipes is capitally illustrated by a rule given by an excellent negress cook, who was celebrated for making delicious corn-bread. Says Dinah: "Why, darlin', sometimes gen'ally I takes a little meal, an' sometimes gen'ally I takes a little flour, an' I kine o' mixes 'em up with some hot water, an' I puts in eggs enough an' a little salt, an' then I bakes it jest about 'nough. An' you do so, jess so, honey, an' you'll make it as good as I do."

A rush-light—a head light on an express train.

The Little Grave.

"It's only a little grave," they said,
"Only a little child that's dead;"
And so they carelessly turned away
From the mound the spade had made that day.
Ah! they did not know how deep a shade
That little grave in our home had made.

I know the coffin was narrow and small,
One yard would have served for an ample pall;
And one man in his arms could have borne away
The rosewood and its freight of clay;
But I know that darling hopes were hid
Beneath that little coffin lid.

I know that a mother stood that day
With folded arms by that form of clay;
I know that burning tears were hid
'Neath the drooping lash and the aching lid;
And I know her lip, and cheek and brow
Were almost as white as her baby's now.

I know that some things were hid away—
The crimson sack and wrappings gay;
The snow-white dress—the lock of hair—
And for eyes so blue, and head so fair
There's an empty crib, with its covers spread,
As white as the face of the sinless dead.

'Tis a little grave; but oh! have care!
For world-wide hopes are buried there;
And ye, perhaps, in coming years,
May see, like her, through blinding tears,
How much of light, how much of joy,
Is buried with an only boy!

A SNARE FOR GIRLS.

The following circular, lithographed and printed so as to represent handwriting, is being sent to young women through the country. It comes from Philadelphia, and is signed Hayes, Arlington & Brother. No one can stand in doubt concerning its object. A more atrocious plot against virtue and life itself was never commended to the attention of the police.

"Miss———; Our agent, has been through your city this month, sent specially by us to gather the names of suitable young ladies to whom we propose to give employment for at least four months during the coming summer. We, of course, want comely and respectable looking people, and your name is on our agent's report. We have been selected by the Centennial Committee to engage for them at least two hundred young ladies for the purpose of attending the flower stands, act as cashiers in the several refreshment departments, sell tickets for the grand elevator, take charge of news-stand, sell pictures, guide-books, &c., attend to soda-water fountains, and many other light and respectable situations. Besides paying you well, say from $8 to $15 per week, including your meals, you will have a fine opportunity of seeing the Grand Centennial Exhibition every day. You will therefore see the necessity of replying early, as we wish to engage everybody we want by the middle of April, and then have them thoroughly drilled and posted by the time the exhibition opens. We have decided to select young ladies from out of town because the neighboring cities should be benefitted as well as Philadelphia. Of course, your parents will object to your leaving home. It would, therefore, be best for you to say nothing about this until you are here and then write to them. However, you can do as you please about that. We would like to have you here by the 13th of April. Answer immediately, when we will send you a letter of instructions how to come to Philadelphia, how to see us, and how to proceed. Your wages will be decided as soon as you come, and paid to you in advance for the first four weeks, commencing the day after you get here.

IN A BAD FIX.—A citizen who was driving along the Jackson road, the other day, says the Vicksburg Herald, saw a man up a tree near the roadside, and halting, he inquired: "What are you doing up there?" The man made no reply, and the citizen continued: "What's the cause of your being up there?" At that moment a woman rose up from the fence corner, rested a club on the fence, and remarked: "I'm the cause, stranger, and if you'll wait till he comes down you'll see the worst field of carnage around here that ever laid out doors!" The citizen drove on and she turned to the man up the tree and continued: "Polhemus, I can't climb, and you know it; but if you'll drop down here for two minutes, I'll give you a quit-claim deed of the farm!"

HE KNEW HOW.—A book agent who has retired from active labor upon the hard earned accumulations of a life of industrious cheek, says that the great secret of his success was, that when he went to a house where the female head of the family presented herself, he always opened by sayin' "I beg your pardon, Miss, but it was your mother I wanted to see. That always used to get 'em. They not only subscribed for my books themselves but told me where I could find more customers.

When a man comes home and tries to bolt his door with a sweet potato, pokes the fire with the spout of a coffee-pot, attempts to wind up the clock with his boot-jack, tries to cut kindling wood for the morning fire with a paper knife, takes a cold potatoe in hand to light him to bed, and prefers sleeping with his hat and boots on, you may reasonably infer that he has been making the acquaintance of some very friendly people.

A gentleman being much annoyed by an old rooster who persisted in scratching up his newly planted garden, hit upon the expedient of attaching a pair of small castors, to the long spurs of the fowl. It worked to a charm, for the old fellow no sooner attempted to renew his depredations, than he rolled himself *right out of the garden!*

At a young ladies' seminary, during an examination in history one of the pupils was interrogated: "Mary, did Martin Luther die a natural death?" "No," was the reply; "he was excommunicated by a bull."

When a Cincinnati young man says to his soul's idol: "Don't kiss me any more, now, Sal; I'm tired," she knows that he has just been shaved by one of those pretty female barbers.

When two women in a family are trying to tell the same thing at the same time, it is an auspicious opportunity for the men folks to vanish.—*Danbury News.*

"That was very greedy of you, Tommy, to eat your little sister's share of cake!" "You told me, ma, I was always to take her part," said Tommy.

The shingle wedding is the latest fashion. It is supposed to be celebrated when the first born is old enough to spank.

A LEAP YEAR STORY.

There is a young man in this town who is looked upon as a sort of woman hater, and who it is believed until recently, would not marry the handsomest and best woman on earth if every hair in her head were a Koh-i-noor diamond. On account of leap year some young ladies concluded to put up a job on this young man and arranged it for one of their number to propose marriage to him, while the others watched the fun through holes bored in a partition.

The gentleman was invited to call at the house of the young lady who was to do the proposing, and on the designated evening he was there, seated in the parlor, while the necessaries to the plot were stationed at their eye-holes. After some desultory conversation about the weather and the club party the young lady suddenly dropped on her knees before the gentleman, and in endearing terms declared her passion.

"Darling," she said, "I long have loved thee, but the cruel conventionalities of society have forced me to conceal my passion. Leap year, which gives to oppressed women one blessed privilege, is now here, and I take advantage of it to tell thee I adore thee. Look not thus coldly on me dearest; spurn me not from your presence. See me on my bended knees imploring that you will not say me nay. Grant me but one kiss from those ruby lips; fold me to thine arms and say thou wilt be mine; mine, only mine, for ever and for aye."

Contrary to expectation, the gentleman displayed not the least astonishment during the foregoing recital, and when it was concluded he went over to the stove and, folding his hand under his coat-tails, thus replied:

"I'm told your dad owns a hundred shares in North Carson, and that you've got two brindle bull-dogs in your own right, and without encumbrance; likewise I am informed that you are a good hand making slap-jacks and biscuit; that you don't chew gum, which, by the way, is powerful expensive these hard times. In view of these facts, I consent, and leave it to you to name the day."

Horrified, the lady tried to explain that it was all a joke, but the gentleman would not listen to any such explanation, and threatens a breach of promise suit unless she fulfills her promise, in which event he will summon the peepers as witnesses.

A WONDER OF SCIENCE.—Those who have handled a piece of congealed mercury which freezes at a temperature of 39 degrees below zero, will know that the sensation is similar to that of holding a coal of fire in the hand. In other words, intense heat and intense cold bear a striking resemblance to each other in their effects. A Hungarian chemist, whose speciality consists in finding out the best methods for preserving meats has made practical use of this analogy in the action of heat and cold, and partially cooks his meats by subjecting them to the action of intense cold. Strange to say, that the meat subjected to this low temperature is reduced to a condition similar to that produced by heat. The material must be perfectly fresh, and after being exposed to a temperature of thirty-three degrees below zero must be carefully sealed in tins. It is found when opened to preserve a remarkable freshness, and to be in a more satisfactory condition for use than has hitherto been attained by any other method for the same purpose. A large manufactory is being built in Hungry for preparing meat on this principle.

A Western paper says: "Perhaps one ought not to mention such things, but it's hard to keep from thinking how different the history of this country might have been if Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin F. Butler and Henry Ward Beecher had been born girls.

Corsets have been the destruction of art. There are no good models now-a-days. say the sculptors. When Powers made his Greek Slave he worked it ont of sixteen different models, and then he had to go back to the antique for his bust.

An old author quaintly remarks: "Avoid arguments with ladies. In spinning yarns among *silks* and *satins*, a man is sure to be worsted and twisted; and when a man is worsted and twisted he may consider himself wound up."

Monthly nurse—"My dear sir, look here," taking the blanket from a fine pair of twins with which the master of the house had been presented. "Oh, yes, said the blushing young husband, "I suppose I can take my choice."

An Indian and a white man were passing along a street, when the former espied a window full of wigs, and pointing to the owner, who was standing in the doorway, said, "Ugh! him great man—big brave—take heap scalps!"

A brilliant young gentleman remarked the other day, to a lady with whom he was bowling ten-pins, "I think, miss, that you would make a capital baker." "Indeed, sir! Why?" "Because you make such excellent rolls."

Little four-year old playing with her dolls: "Now, you lay there, my dear, and you lay there." Mother—"Why, Edie, you know that isn't right; you should say lie." "Oh, no, mamma; I'm playing they are chickens."

A beautiful answer was given by a beautiful Scotch girl. When her class at school was examined, she replied to the question, "What is patience?" "Wait a wee, and dinna weary."

There are errors which no wise man will treat with rudeness, while there is a probability that they may be the refraction of some great truth still before the horizon.

A young English lady, residing in Paris, has received over fifty lashes. She was born with them—on her eyelids.

Every to-morrow has two handles. We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

One handsome girl in a dry-goods store will make every man in town feel like buying his wife a dress.

But few men can handle a hot lamp chimney, and say, there is no place like home, at the same time.

The St. Louis *Republican* says that Grant's friends are true as steel.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1876.

DEMOCRATS are talking up Gov. Tilden of New York for President, but he will fall short of a nomination, very likely, as some of the old war horses of the party are looking further west for a candidate.

PIPER, the alleged murderer of little Mabel Young, in the belfry of the Warren Avenue Baptist church at Boston, has made a sworn statement that she received the injuries which resulted in her death by a fall of the trap door, which he had propped up a few moments before, for the purpose of ventilation. He says that she saw him come down from the belfry, and asked him what was up there. He paid no attention to her, but missing her in a few moments, it occurred to him that she might go up in the belfry and that the trap might fall upon and injure her. He accordingly returned to the belfry, found his fears more than realized, and made up his mind to deny all knowledge of the affair lest he should be accused of the murder. During the trial Piper persistently denied all knowledge of the affair, and this story has a suspicious look, coming, as it does, after his conviction and sentence. It probably will not procure him a reprieve.

DEMOCRATIC inquisitiveness got a little more than it bargained for at Washington on Monday, when the Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department had a man before them who was to unfold a tale which would consign to eternal infamy the President of these United States. His story was that he had suffered a great wrong at the President's hands, and had then been seized, placed in the Government Insane Asylum, and then sent to Europe, whence he escaped and came back to publish the foul deed. He stubbornly refused for a while to tell what the deed was, but finally yielded and said that the President had ruined his (the witness') betrothed, and that the President had frequently come to his house at night, imploring him not to ruin his good name by making the facts known. The democrats were in high feather at the prospect of ruining Grant, when they were dumbfounded by the man's declaration that the President's wrong-doing had all been "in the spirit" and not in the body. The man was crazy. The democrats entreated the Republican members of the committee to keep the matter secret, but they refused to do so, and the story was made public, much to their discomfiture.

THE Republicans of Massachusetts held their State Convention at Boston on Wednesday, filling Tremont Temple with nearly a thousand delegates and a crowd of spectators. John E. Sanford, of Taunton, presided, and the convention did its work harmoniously, electing as delegates at large to the National Convention at Cincinnati, E. Rockwood Hoar of Concord, R. H. Dana, jr., of Cambridge, John M. Forbes, of Boston, and Paul A. Chadbourne of Williamstown. There were scattering votes for a dozen other men, ex-Governor Bullock, of Worcester, lacking only four votes of an election. The convention adopted a resolution stating that the delegates were left unpledged and uninstructed in respect to individual candidates for President and Vice President, but expected, and required them "each and all, to work and vote for those candidates, and those only, whose character and career give unquestionable assurance to the whole country that they will be faithful and zealous to maintain the equal rights of all citizens under the constitution, to bring about the resumption of specie payments at a date not later than that already fixed by law, and to effect a thorough and radical reform of the civil service, to the end that the administration of public affairs may be characterized by efficiency, economy and purity."

It is understood that Hoar and Forbes of the delegation are in favor of Blaine, and that Dana and Chadbourne are inclined towards Bristow, while the whole delegation will unite upon the man who may appear to be the best one for the convention to nominate, regardless of personal preferences.

THE Legislative committee on Railways have finally made their report on the Boston and Albany Railroad matter; in fact, they have made three reports, all arriving at about the same conclusion, by severely condemning the course of Moses Kimball, Chester W. Chapin and Ignatius Sargent, while holding offices of trust in the corporation. They conclude with a resolve instructing the Attorney General, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to institute such proceedings as he shall deem advisable for the recovery, on behalf of the Commonwealth, of its interest in any moneys or other property belonging to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in the hands of any officer, director, agent, or employe thereof, and for the preservation and protection of the rights and property of the Commonwealth and other stockholders therein. This will probably be the end of the matter, for the Attorney General will be scarcely able to find cause for damages, and the Governor and Council will not be likely to instruct him to bring on a lame suit at law.

This investigation has been pushed with a great deal of malignity by the opponents of the Boston and Albany road, chiefly from Boston, and the committee have been literally forced to do what they have done, some of them signing the report with great reluctance. When the case was on trial the managers of the road furnished the committee with every facility for acquainting themselves with all their transactions, and kept nothing back, while the State's Attorney pursued them with bitterness and an unfairness unbecoming his position. The resolve reported by the Committee has passed the House, and on its engrossment Mr. Kimball made a powerful argument in his own defence.

AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston, Charles L. Wood of New Bedford, and ex-Gov. Thos. Talbot of Billerica were elected State directors of the Boston & Albany railroad on Tuesday.

The two branches, through a committee of conference, have finally agreed upon a militia bill, which provides for sixty companies of infantry, two of cavalry and three of artillery, to be organized in two brigades. Twenty-seven companies of infantry, two of cavalry and two of artillery will be disbanded. The whole number of men in the militia when reorganized will be about 3600. Worcester county will have eight companies, Hampden four, Hampshire two, Berkshire three, and Franklin one. The maximum number of officers, musicians and privates in a company of infantry is to be 51, and in cavalry and artillery companies 80.

A bill has been passed conferring the veto power upon mayors of cities.

An amendment made in the House to the liquor law provides that apothecaries may sell liquor for medicinal purposes at all hours of the night, but on Sundays only on a physician's prescription.

The petition for a district court in southern Berkshire, goes over to the next General Court.

The bill to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company has passed both branches.

A bill has been passed to enable towns to vote in wards.

It is thought that the Legislature will be able to adjourn finally to-day, as nearly all the important measures have been passed, and all are anxious to get home.

Gov. Rice has vetoed the bill legalizing the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Eldridge, his step-daughter.

The annual tax bill this year amounts to $1,800,000, or $200,000 less than last year. Hampden county is down for $77,490, Hampshire $26,230, Berkshire $39,672, Franklin $18,144.

MR. BLAINE replied in the House on Wednesday, to the charges which have been circulating about him for some time past, going to show that he had received from the Union Pacific Railroad in 1871 the large sum of $61,000 for some unknown services. He made a very full, frank and explicit statement, denying the charges in the most unqualified manner, and furnishing the most conclusive testimony to disprove them. In his closing remarks he said: "I am now, Mr. Speaker, in the fourteenth year of a not inactive service in this hall. I have taken and have given blows. I have no doubt said many things in the heat of debate which I would now gladly recall. I have given votes which in fuller light I would gladly change, but I have never done anything in my public career for which I could be put to the faintest blush in any presence, or which I cannot answer to my constituents, my conscience, and the great Searcher of hearts." The speech was listened to with marked attention, and at its close even his political enemies acknowledged that his answer was complete and unassailable.

BELKNAP now says that he did not resign to escape impeachment, but in response to a promise from Mr. Clymer, chairman of the investigating committee, that if he would do so the proceedings would be dropped, because the evidence implicated his wife, and not him. Mr. Clymer denies the truth of this statement.

SENATOR JONES of Nevada occupied a portion of two days in the U. S. Senate this week in an exhaustive argument in favor of making silver an unlimited legal tender, as well as gold.

The latest scandal comes from Westfield, and concerns Dr. Starkweather and a married woman, who are charged with being unduly intimate for the past year and a half or so. The woman claims that the doctor first accomplished his purpose by drugging her, after which she submitted to him until she learned that he was paying his attentions to another woman, when she confessed to her husband. The husband agrees to take her back if she won't do so any more. Another scandal, implicating Rev. J. F. Winkley, the Episcopal minister, and a prominent married lady, was published in the Springfield Union Monday night, and on Tuesday Mr. Winkley and Mr. George W. Lane, husband of the lady implicated in the charge, entered suit in the Supreme Court against the publishers of that paper for $40,000 damages for libel.

Monday was the last of the sixty days in which Mr. Beecher's accusers might have filed material for the Scandal Bureau to work upon. Plymouth church, however, is unwilling to let the case go by default, and the Bureau is to be selected, even if there is nothing for them to do. Moulton refuses to appear before the Advisory Council Investigatiug committee, but offers to submit his issue with Mr. Beecher to whnt he considers an impartial jury.

Congressman Seeley went home to Amherst one day last week, and was serenaded by the students, to whom he made a short speech, remarking that if, at the end of two years, he could return and resume his connection with the college, he should be truly grateful.

Bridget Geary, an Irish prostitute, was found murdered in a tenement on Congress street in Springfield, Monday morning, appearances indicating that she had been throttled to death. Mary Haughton, who kept the place, was arrested on suspicion of being the murderess.

Rev. F. H. Buffum, the East Hartford Congregational minister charged with criminal intimacy with a young woman, has been proved guilty and on Wednesday was formally deposed from the ministry by a council of churches.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Silver change is making its appearance around town.

The highway surveyors are at work improving the roads somewhat.

Mrs. Crawford's organ concert is again postponed to Thursday evening, May 11th.

The "Little Wanderers" sing at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, as announced last week.

Mrs. Whitman had her "opening" Wednesday, and the ladies have one more attractive place to visit.

A lot of land in the north part of the town has been sold by Julius Sugrue to Daniel Doyle for $1050.

The annual meeting of the Ware river railroad stockholders will be held at the Antique House next Wednesday noon.

An entertainment of an elocutionary character is promised about the 12th of May, by pupils chosen from our high school.

S. R. Lawrence has put in a handsome granite curbing for a concrete sidewalk in front of his residence on Main street.

Hot ashes carelessly thrown against the barn of Mrs. Strickland at Blanchardville, caused a slight fire Thursday afternoon.

We have a specimen of Mr. Hayden's butter, made on the Plumley farm, which vies with gold in color and honey in sweetness.

Charles L. Gardner and S. S. Taft were delegates from Palmer to the Republican State Convention at Boston on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Burlingame of this town is the first to gather trailing arbutus for the JOURNAL this Spring, for which she has our thanks.

Willard Kenerson and A. B. Root, both young men, have formed a partnership in the carpentering and jobbing business in this village.

The annual meeting of the 2d Cong. Society will be held next Monday afternoon, and the slips in the church are to be rented in the evening, for the ensuing year.

In Webster, this year, they don't propose to let anybody, not even the druggists, sell liquor. Here we let every body sell it that wants to. That's the difference.

Dr. Holbrook enlarges his house by the addition of a bay-window on the east side.—The expected blacksmith shop, corner of Main and Knox streets, is transformed into a dwelling-house, as it nears completion.

The Universalists now hold services every Sabbath and have organized a Sunday School and "Ladies Social Union," which holds its first meeting in Union Hall next Wednesday afternoon. A warrant is out for a meeting to organize a society.

The Schumann Club did themselves credit at their concert Monday evening, and fully satisfied an audience of nearly three hundred. Miss Ida Webster, the pianist, is, and has been, a pupil of Mrs. J. W. Crawford, from whom she received the *European* musical education which now wins for her so much praise.

W. R. Parks, of this village, has been experimenting for several months on a new steam generating apparatus, which he has finally perfected, and on which he has procured letters patent, dated March 21, 1876. The apparatus, which is termed a water tube steam boiler, consists of a furnace, divided by partitions into flues, in which are placed coils of pipe communicating with a steam chamber directly over the fire box, and separating the latter from the pipes, so that the direct heat from the fire is first exerted upon the water and steam chamber, while the water in the pipes is heated by the products of combustion, or waste heat, passing off through the flues, the interposition of the steam chamber protecting the pipes from too extreme heat, and consequent injury. By this arrangement of pipes the water is heated almost to boiling point in the pipes, but not converted into steam until it reaches the steam chamber, while the danger of explosion is entirely avoided. The boilers can be used equally well for power, or for heating purposes, and Mr. Parks claims that with one pound of coal he can evaporate fifteen pounds of water, or more than twice as much as can be done with any other boiler known. One of our merchants has had one of them in his house the past winter, and has heated the house with 35 pounds of coal per day, running the boiler with 1½ to 2 pounds pressure, though they are tested at 200 pounds cold water pressure. If these claims can be maintained—and Mr. Parks stands ready to prove all his statements—there will probably be a great demand for his boilers both for heating and manufacturing purposes, as in these economical times anything that will help reduce the size of coal bills is a great desideratum. Mr. Parks has a building at Tenneyville, where he is at present manufacturing his boilers, but is thinking of putting up a larger building, to meet his requirements for more room.

DEATH OF JOHN WARD.

The death of John Ward, long a resident of this town, took place at New Britain, Conn., on Thursday afternoon, at the residence of Dr. Lyon, his son-in-law. Mr. Ward was a native of this town, an only son of Asa Ward, who was a promising citizen of the town in its early history. Mr. Ward started life on a farm and dealt considerably in stock. He afterwards opened and kept a store at the Old Center with T. H. Knight. When the B. & A. railroad was completed he moved to this village and built the house now owned by Dr. Holbrook, where he lived till he removed to New Britain, a few years ago. In the early days of this village he became interested in a store here, and for awhile was partner with John A. Squier in the first iron foundry in this place. Prior to the rebellion, he commenced operating a small mill, with M. B. Buffum, at what is known as Sketerville, in Belchertown, and subsequently bought another at Ludlow, Vt.

In both of these enterprises he was successful, and when he retired from business in 1865, he was one our of wealthiest men. Mr. Ward always took an active interest in the welfare of the town, being a careful and safe adviser. He represented the town in the legislature with Sylvester Parks in 1837, and again in 1842. His father had also represented the town in 1826. Mr. Ward was twice married, to Charlotte and Lucina, daughters of Zadock Cooley of this town, and he had three children by his first wife, none of whom survived him. His remains will be brought to this town for interment, and funeral services will be held at the Congregational church in this village Sunday afternoon.

BRIMFIELD.

The salary of W. K. Pierce has been reduced 20 per cent, by his own suggestion.

No delegates were sent to the State Convention Wednesday, from this town.

THORNDIKE.

Mrs. Whipple, widow of Rodolphus Whipple, was dangerously injured last Sabbath, by the overturning of her carriage. She was just stepping from it at the church, when the horse suddenly started, throwing her beneath the carriage as it was overturned, bruising her face and causing serious internal injuries from which it is feared she cannot recover.

WEST WARREN.

The unsecured liabilities of Charles H. Ellis, farmer, are nearly $10,000, and the secured claims will eat up most of his property, some of which is prospective. At a meeting of the creditors, held a few days since, one of the creditors offered to take 1 per cent.

LUDLOW.

Three elderly persons in one district had paralytic shocks within 24 hours of each other, recently.

A town meeting was called for yesterday, to see about accepting some new roads laid out in Jenksville.

There was a children's Fair at the First Congregational church, Wednesday afternoon and evening, to raise money for Missionary purposes.

ENFIELD.

The Congregationalists are talking of having free seats, the ensuing year, owing to the small number of seats that were taken at the rental, last Saturday. A year ago the seats rented for $1750.

The new library started by the young men already contains 200 volumes. It is proposed to have a circulating library in connection with the other.

D. B. Gillett is putting in a new covering to the canal running under the highway near his factory.

A new drain has been put in at the Congregational church, to take off the water which has sometimes about half covered the furnace.

WILBRAHAM.

The schools in town began on Monday.

In jumping a fence the other day, one of the academy students, Wm. B. Emerson, of Watertown, dislocated his knee.

The North Congregational church has voted to use unfermented wine at communion.

Rev. Wm. Howard has a copy of Cicero's orations, in the original Latin, 400 years old.

Principal Fellows is troubled with erysipelas.

William Harlan, recently deceased, has bequeathed his valuable library to his namesake, the little son of Prof. Carhart.

Henry Brewer is painting his house, and Nelson Mowry has been cutting down the hedge in front of his place.

The small-pox patients at Collins' Depot are doing well.

THREE RIVERS.

Henry McMaster has sold out his meat market to Mr. Loomis of Chester, who is ready to furnish the best of meat, at the lowest price that can be afforded.

The Baptist Society are in the midst of repairs on their church, and the prospect is they will have a very pleasant and inviting audience room when it is completed; the old gallery is to be entirely removed, and the organ and orchestra are to be at the right hand of the pulpit.

The "Union Evangelical Chnrch" with some 40 members, was instituted at Three Rivers on Thursday by a council in which were represented the Methobist churches at Four Corners and Bondville; Advent church, Palmer; East Cong., Ware; South Cong. and Memorial, Springfield, and the Rev. A. H. Milliken of Vermont. Rev. S. G. Buckingham was moderator and Rev. B. M. Fullerton, scribe. The order of services was as follows:—Act of Institution, baptisms, covenant, and declaration of institution by the moderator; consecrating prayer by Rev. Mr. Eustis of Memorial Church; fellowship of the churches by Rev. A. Noon, Bondville; address to the church, Rev. Dr. Perkins of Ware; concluding prayer, Rev. A. H. Milliken; benediction by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Leete.

J. M. Buffington has removed to Otis, where he will canvass for Ruggles Bros., while his wife goes into the millinery business.

MONSON.

Welcome Converse collects the taxes this year for $100.

The assessors will be in session at the selectmen's room May 1st.

The double piazza in front of the old hotel improves the looks wonderfully.

Mark Noble is putting on an addition to his block which greatly improves it.

Geo. W. Burdick is making quite an addition to his barn.

R. M. Reynolds and J. M. Phipps were the delegates to Boston on Wednesday.

Marble F. Bacon has been appointed lock-up keeper. We have had a lock-up for several years but no lock-up keeper as by law required until now.

The calla-lily mentioned in the JOURNAL last week and owned by Mrs. W. H. King is 51½ inches high instead of 5½ as our item last week made it.

Olympus Lodge I. O. G. T. has had an invitation to re-produce "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" at Willington, Conn., and thus assist the erection of a church in that town.

Although some of the mills are stopping for repairs and the outlook is not favorable for production, yet it is confidently hoped that it will be for only a short time.

The Monson Cornet Band will give a grand concert Friday evening May 5th at Green's Hall assisted by Misses Patrick and Munger of Worcester, as solo vocalists. Other solo talent is also to be engaged.

At the caucus Monday eve four persons were patriotic enough to come out. Some say two were republicans and two democrats; but the large amount of work accomplished would denote them all to be "independents."

Come to figure it up there are six milk wagons running daily, dispensing the lacteal fluid, instead of three as stated last week, and the water-wheel at Ellis' mill broke down Wednesday but was repaired so as to run in the afternoon.

Fred Fay has the best facilities for keeping poultry in this vicinity, a new building just erected, nearly a hundred feet long and some twenty wide with partitions for the various different breeds: to those contemplating building this is a good one to pattern after.

The grand oporatic festival in Paris to raise funds to erect the statue of Liberty in New York harbor occurred Tuesday night. It was a very fine affair. M. Laboulaye delivered an eloquent address, in which he said that "The proposed monument symbolizes American freedom, which bears peace and enlightenment everywhere. It will be an eternal monument of the friendship of France and America, ever recalling the united names of Washington and Lafayette, and the union of two peoples, who formerly united to found independence, and now unite to cement friendship."

That was something of a hailstorm which passed over Shawnee county, Kansas, Saturday afternoon. In some places the hail was eight inches deep, and as large as hen's eggs, and wagon loads of it could be scraped up on Monday morning. The wheat crop and fruit buds were completely destroyed, and many cattle killed.

The Lawrence school committee don't want any meddling with the temperance principles of the school children, apparently, as they have refused to let the agent of the Total Abstinence Society address the public schools and obtain pledges from the pupils.

The dog show at Springfield came off on Wednesday and Thursday, and was pronounced the best bench show ever held in this country. There were about 300 entries.

GATHERED FROM ALL 'ROUND.

St. Augustine, Florida, claims to have 1,500 more visitors this year than last.

And now the critics say his name should be spelled Shakspere.

A sportsman at Fulton, N. Y., one day last week killed twenty-two pigeons at a single shot.

"The History of the Late War," by Jefferson Davis, will probably appear during the summer.

The Governor of Iowa has appointed a woman to act as chaplain of the Anamosa Penitentiary.

Charles S. Josselyn, a prominent citizen of Malden, has hung himself on account of ill health.

A young woman was murdered in a Providence house of ill-fame on Saturday night by her lover.

It is now said that A. T. Stewart contracted his death in the dampness of his marble palace.

At Londonderry, New Hampshire, the old custom prevails of opening the town meetings for election with prayer.

Mirage put Nantucket on stilts on the 12th and 13th inst., so that it was seen from Chatham.

Gov. Rice and staff, with their escort of cadets, start May 8th, to attend the opening of the Centennial on the 10th.

There has just been woven at Farmington, Utah, the first silk handkerchief ever produced in that territory from native silk.

An American flag made of silk and costing $2,000 will float over the main entrance to the Centennial Exhibition.

A New York florist has just recovered $360—the amount of a bill for furnishing flowers to decorate the grave of a dog.

The Rev. F. F. Rea, of Durham, Conn., has been expelled by his Congregational church for drunkenness.

A misbehaving woman was taken from her house in Bradfordville, Ky., by masked men, in the night, and severely whipped with beech switches.

Sausages are cheap in Chicopee, dog-owners finding it more remunerative to sell their dogs for sausages than to keep them and buy muzzles.

Henry Thompson in company with a friend on Sunday, killed fifty-eight black snakes at Hudson, N. H. The longest of them measured six feet.

The snow is so deep in the vicinity of the Crawford House, in the White Mountains, that the farmers enter their barns through the roof.

Prussia must be a paradise in one respect; it has one lawyer to each 12,000 inhabitants. In this unfortunate country we have one lawyer to 879 inhabitants.

The latest from the Black Hills, is to the effect that a family named Baker, consisting of four persons, were murdered by Indians a few days since.

The old tree which stood on Brattle st., in Cambridge, Mass., and which Mr. Longfellow mentions in "The Village Blacksmith" as the "spreading chesnut tree," was cut down a few days ago.

Later advices from the interior of Long Island report that the potato bugs are making terrible havoc in the farmer's hop beds. Fears are entertained that they will ruin the crops during the coming season.

A man who had been sent to jail in Morgantown, N. C., for whipping his wife, broke out so as to go home and shoot her. He is in jail again awaiting trial for murder.

A Buffalo man has engaged Rev. Dr. Wentworth of Evanston, Ill., to marry him to his heart's idol, and also invited the minister and his wife to take a trip to Europe.

Signorina Spelterine, a rope walker, wishes to perform on a rope suspended between the towers of the East river bridge, New York. She has asked permission of the Bridge Company, but the managers seem disinclined to grant it.

A German woman of Meriden, Conn., has just died from the effects of excessive laughter. She had laughed much during the evening, and, while attempting to relieve pain with some medicine during the night, she dropped dead.

Brief Mention.

—Templeton has a tailless calf.

—Apples are ripening in Texas.

—A. T. Stewart's funeral cost only $12,000.

—The Centennial is not to be open Sundays.

—Snow up in Florida is ten feet deep, in places.

—White fish, while frying, will communicate electricity through a steel fork.

—A Delaware judge fined a lawyer one dollar for calling him "a bloated old rhinoceros."

—A barber's shop in Atlanta, Ga., has all young women barbers. What a rush they must have!

—Mr. Bristow's friends think he is like a tin pan—the more he is rubbed, the brighter he appears.

—In Springfield they are lowering the sidewalks to prevent ladies' dresses from sweeping the pavement.

—A Centennial Song:

It is a sign of Spring
When the little speckled froggie
Sits upon a boggie,
Or gets upon a loggie,
Thinking of his pollywoggie,
And begins to sing!

DOMESTIC TRAGEDIES.—Capt. Elisha Samson of Duxbury was shot dead Monday morning by his son, while at the breakfast table. The son came cautiously down stairs and fired before any one knew he was near, and then went back to bed, where the officers found him. He has been considered insane for several years. He gave as a reason for the deed that he was afraid his father would kill his brother.—Charles Cook, a young farmer living with his father at Hyde Park, Vt., while at work with him in the sugar orchard Sunday morning was murdered by his father, who beat out his brains with an axe. The old man was lodged in jail, where he laughs with diabolical delight at his crime. He has been considered harmlessly insane for some time.

Gross cruelties towards prisoners in the State prison at Sing Sing, N. Y., are alleged. It is charged that a German employed in the laundry was whipped so that he afterwards died, because he accidentally burned a shirt he was ironing. It is claimed that no less than twenty instances of outrageous cruelty can be proved against keepers, and there is much excitement in regard to the developments.

A resolution was presented in the U. S. Senate this week proposing a convention between the United States and England, for the purpose of establishing a common unit of money and accounts for the two countries. It is proposed to make the dollar the basis; but Johnny Bull will be loth to give up his pounds and pence, notwithstanding the much greater simplicity of our system.

The village of New Canaan, Conn., was partly destroyed by fire last Saturday night, and but for a favorable wind the whole village would have gone.

LETTER FROM MICHIGAN.

Mr. H. R. Stoughton tells about the Country he lives in—Not all Rose-Colored.

READING, MICH., April 24, 1876.

Thinking that many of my old friends would expect to hear from me and desire to know what our surroundings are, I take this method of saying a few things in general, promising to write to individuals a little later.

Reading township is credited with being the highest point in Michigan, and to demonstrate it to your readers will say: At the depot yard is a crossing, where the water in the ditches on the north side flows to Lake Michigan by way of the Kalamazoo river, and on the south side it finds its way to Lake Erie by the Maumee river. This point, (Reading,) being thirteen hundred feet higher than at Jackson. Our village is situated on the Ft. Wayne, Jackson and Saginaw R. R., thirty-six miles from Jackson and 64 miles from Ft. Wayne.

There are nine manufacturing establishments here, one of which is the Colby Wringer Co. We have about fifteen hundred inhabitants, the surrounding country being almost entirely devoted to agriculture. Fine horses seem to abound here. We have an extensive grain trade, as well as of live stock.

To give you an idea of the expenses of living, will mention the prices of meat; best steak, 10 to 12½ cents per pound, chickens and turkeys dressed per pound, 12½c., milk four cents per quart, flour $7 per barrel, prints 5 to 10 cents per yard, cottons, 6 to 10 cents per yard. Groceries range about the same as in Palmer, labor is correspondingly low. Best laborers will charge $1.25 per single day, but will work one week for $6.00. Green apples are now selling at one dollar per bushel, potatoes 15 to 20 cents per bushel, and a drug at that price. We have several houses worth more than four hundred and fifty dollars each, and there is to be built this season one that will cost about eight thousand dollars. Our mill is already running. We have a large amount of trade here for a country village; rather more stores than in Palmer, I should judge, and the produce business is quite a large item in the business of the town. One day last week our station agent informed me he shipped sixty-five barrels of eggs. Butter and cheese are made in large quantities and fruit abounds. Besides all these we have large coops of water in our cellars, and our evening callers always inquire, "how much water have you in your cellar." The reply has been almost uniformly since our arrival—"well, about three feet now." In our cellar we could do a small shipping business—but this also has its advantages, for to rid yourself of rats you have only to drive them to the cellar where they find a "watery grave." We are well and find many of our former acquaintances from the East.

H. R. STOUGHTON.

Springfield yet rings the town bell for lost children, as she used to when she was a village.

Oliver Ditson & Co. of Boston have just issued the "Centennial Collection of National Songs," a very neat and serviceable volume, which contains, in a simple and usable form, our own National Songs, and also those of other prominent nations. This is a famous time for singing National Music, and therefore this cheap and comprehensive collection is just in season. Persons who think of getting up Fourth of July celebrations will here find the appropriate music, provided with accompaniments for Piano or Organ, and with harmony for 4-part singing. Price in paper 40 cents; in boards 50 cents.

A CARD.—I desire to express my hearty thanks to the friends in Palmer and Springfield for their many kindnesses during my recent affliction.

A. W. CLARK.

METCALF & LUTHER give some news in another column, in the line of housekeeping goods. §

THE sterling, long-established dry goods house of Tinkham & Co., reminds our readers to-day that it still mantains its position at the head of the trade with the largest and choicest stock in this section, offered at prices which cannot fail to satisfy. †

THE Guarantee range is taking the lead among cook stoves, and housekeepers are becoming more and more in favor of it. This stove has been introduced into Springfield by Metcalf & Luther, the great dealers in house-furnishing goods, opposite Court Square. They warrant the stove to give perfect satisfaction, and are selling it 10 per cent. lower than stoves of like patterns. §

IF one wishes to see something beautiful in the line of chamber sets, and how cheaply they can be purchased, let them ride into Springfield and call at Hunt's (late Hunt & Shandrew) furniture warerooms, opposite Haynes' hotel. There he will see some chestnut sets finished in the natural wood, and fine black walnut sets, also showing the natural grain. To those who cannot afford these he has prettily painted sets, which he is selling so low that any one can afford to purchase. The designs on these are very tasteful. Mr. Hunt will pay the price of a railroad ticket to Springfield and return to any one who will purchase $30 worth or more. §

No better evidence of success is needed than the daily increasing business at Fay's shoe store, Springfield. It has become the popular store of the city. In the short space of six months they have established a large business, leading the oldest competitors in the shoe trade. This has been accomplished by fair dealing and by having a large and reliable selection of Boots and Shoes, marked at the lowest cash prices. Being the only shoe house in Springfield that adheres strictly to one price, all purchasers are sure of securing the lowest possible prices.

A SEVERE injury is often the result of a little carelessness. Every traveller should have a bottle of Renne's Pain-Killing Magic Oil in his satchel to use in all cases of aches and pains. Sold by all druggists and merchants.

YOUR life can be saved by HUNT'S REMEDY. HUNT'S REMEDY cures dropsy and all diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs. Hundreds who have been given up by their physicians to die have been saved by HUNT'S REMEDY, and are now living witnesses of its value.

BURNETT'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS,—The superiority of these extracts consists in their purity and great strength. They are warranted free from the poisonous oils and acids which enter into the composition of many of the factitious fruit flavors now in the market. They are not only true to their names, but are prepared from fruits of the best quality, and are so highly concentrated that a comparatively small quantity only need be used. JOSEPH BURNETT & CO., Boston, manufacturers and proprietors. For sale by all grocers and druggists.

LYON'S KATHAIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Pyle's Dietetic Saleratus.—Universally acknowledged the best in use. Each pound bears the name of JAMES PYLE. None genuine without.

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Cross and Sickly Children can be made healthy and strong by regulating their stomachs and bowels with Castoria. It is more effective than Castor Oil, and is as pleasant to take as honey. For Wind Colic, Sour Stomach, Worms and Costiveness, there is nothing in existence equal to it.

Why will you suffer from Rheumatism, Sprains, Stiff Joints, Swellings, Burns, Scalds or Weak Back, when the Centaur Liniment affords certain relief. Many articles soothe pain to a certain extent, but the Centaur Liniment CURES. The White Liniment is for the human family, the Yellow Liniment is for horses and animals. 13w37

BORN.

At Three Rivers, 24th, a son to E. B. HASTINGS.
At South Amherst, 16th, a son to CHAS. SHAW.
At Enfield, 21st, a son to B. F. DAVIS.

MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 27th, by Rev. T. A. Leete, EDWARD H. LIBBEY and LUCY E. MOULTON, both of Palmer.

DIED.

At Three Rivers, 22d, HANNAH C., 40, wife of Aaron W. Clark; 23d, SUSIE BALL; 24th, infant son of E. B. HASTINGS.

At Ware, 12th, ABRAHAM JOSLYN, 65; 20th, SARAH, 67, widow of the late Lewis G. Cummings.

At Warren, 17th, MINERVA D., 62, wife of Otis Lincoln.

At South Amherst, 19th, JOHN E. KIDDER, 73; 23d, ZERUIAH S. WARD, 87; 24th, FORTEN GRAVES, 74.

At Warren, 15th, of scarlet fever, WILLIE ALDEN, 3 years and 3 months; 25th, ADA MAUD, 5 years, children of Giles and Emily M. Blodgett.

At New Britain, Conn., 27th, JOHN WARD, 72, formerly of Palmer.

At Stafford, Ct., 22d, JAMES TAYLOR, 75; 23d, MARVIN A. LULL, 19.

HAVING formed a copartnership under the name of KENERSON & ROOT, we solicit your orders for all kinds of carpentering and jobbing.
W. G. KENERSON.
A. B. ROOT.
Palmer, April 25th, 1876. 1y5

WANTED.—
Four or five men to sell Sewing Machines. Liberal inducements offered to men that will work. Apply to
F. B. PERKINS,
5tf 68 Commercial Block, Palmer, Mass.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.—The copartnership heretofore existing between H. W. Gough and G. H. Gough is hereby dissolved. Bills due the late firm are left with G. H. Newton for settlement.
H. W. GOUGH.
G. H. GOUGH.
Monson, Mass., April 29, 1876. 2w5

MONSON SAVINGS BANK.—The annual meeting of this corporation for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and transaction of such other business as may come properly before them, will be holden at their banking room on Wednesday, May 3d next, at two o'clock p. m.
E. F. MORRIS, Treasurer.
Monson, Mass., April 24, 1876. 1w5

TO THE CITIZENS OF MONSON AND VICINITY.—Having purchased the stove and tin shop of the Messrs. Gough, I am prepared to do all kinds of work in my line with promptness and despatch. Several years' experience in the business, as well as plumbing and general job work, enables me to hope that I may suit the wants of the public. Many kinds of goods cheaper than heretofore.
D. S. FORTUNE.
Monson, April 29, 1876. 3w5

A. B. BURDICK,
MANUFACTURING JEWELER,
ENGRAVER AND ENAMELER,
Bradley's Building, cor. Harrison av. & Dwight st.
Vest Chains, Guards, Roman Neck and Bracelets, Brooches, Ear-rings, Crosses, Plain and Seal Rings, made to order. Workmanship first-class; quality as represented. Repairing and remodeling fine work a specialty. Society Badges made to order. Address P. O. BOX 1114,
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DR. S. BARTHOLOMEW,

DENTIST.

To meet the exigency of the times, all Dental work done at my office from this date will be for cash, and at twenty-five per cent. discount from former charges.

Dental Rooms next door to State Street Baptist Church.
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NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!

S. W. SMITH & CO.

Wish to inform the public that they have opened a CASH STORE in

ALLEN BLOCK, CHURCH STREET,

Where they will be pleased to see all people who wish to buy

FIRST-CLASS GROCERIES

FOR CASH. We shall endeavor to suit customers both in quality and price. We do not propose to give our goods away, but intend to sell them as low as the same can be bought elsewhere.
Respectfully, S. W. SMITH & CO.
Palmer, April 25th, 1876. 5tf

A. E. PARK,

Successor to SMITH & CO.

Having bought out the stock and good will of Mr. Smith, I shall continue to keep on hand a good stock of

GROCERIES, FLOUR and PROVISIONS

of all kinds, which I will sell as low as the same class of goods can be bought elsewhere. I shall do my best to keep up Mr. Smith's reputation for keeping FIRST-CLASS GOODS. I shall do this by paying cash and buying of old established houses.

GOOD FARM PRODUCE

taken in exchange for goods. All goods warranted to be as represented; if not, I will exchange with you or return the cash. Terms STRICTLY CASH or ready pay. Goods delivered free of charge. A share of your patronage is solicited at the old stand of Smith & Co.
A. E. PARK, 51 Main Street.
Palmer, Feb. 17, 1876. 47tf

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.—The inhabitants of the town of Palmer are hereby notified to bring in to the subscribers, assessors of said Palmer, on the first day of May next, at 10 o'clock, at the Town House, true lists of all their polls and of all their estates, both real and personal (not exempt from taxation), of which they are possessed on the first day of May.
JOHN CLOUGH, } Assessors
DAVID KNOX, } of
D. B. BISHOP, } Palmer.
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PALMER

Fancy Goods Store

E. L. DAVIS,

Having removed to his new Store in French's Block, on Central Street,

IS PREPARED TO SHOW FULL LINES OF

HOSIERY, GLOVES, LACES,
TIES, HAIR GOODS,
BACK COMBS, CORSETS,
SHIRT FRONTS,
BUTTONS, BRAID,
HAMBURG EDGINGS,

Neck Rufflings, Collars and Cuffs,

AND A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF SMALL WARES.

New Store!

Complete Stock!

Special Prices!

Palmer, March 25, 1876.

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in Western Mass. Having taken full advantage of the present low prices in the market, for nearly all kinds of merchandise, we are prepared to offer better inducements than for years to purchasers of

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AND

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We think it unnecessary to go into a full description of our stock. It is well known that we keep the most varied stock in this part of the State, and in no other house can so many kinds of goods be found to meet the wants of person or family as at our establishment. We only mention a few of the specialties in which we offer a larger and better stock than ever.

SILKS.—Special Bargains in Black Silks.
SHAWLS, SPRING CLOAKS,
MADE SUITS AND COSTUMES
In great variety.
DRESS GOODS,
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Very large stock of Carpets and Carpet Goods.
LINENS AND COTTONS.

In MILLINERY, the largest and most elegant stock in the city. We offer no second or damaged goods, no job lots or refuse goods of New York or Boston. Our aim will be to offer our friends reliable, good goods at FAIR and POPULAR PRICES. This we are prepared to do to the fullest extent. On this basis we solicit a visit from all purchasers of DRY GOODS and CARPETS in Western Mass.

We are only five minutes' walk from the depot, same side, four story brown front building.

432, 434 and 436 Main Street,

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.
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ADMINISTRATRIX' SALE!

By virtue of a license from the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest of Lyman A. Nelson, late of said Palmer, deceased, in and to the following described real estate, situate in that part of Palmer called Tenneyville, on the westerly side of the road leading from Palmer to Monson, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake and stones on the westerly side of said road, thence southerly on said road about seven rods to a stake and stones, thence westerly about three rods to a stake and stones, thence northerly about seven rods, thence easterly about three rods to the first mentioned bound, containing twenty-one rods of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon.
TERMS CASH.
ELEANOR M. NELSON, Adm'x
Palmer, April 27, 1876. 3w5

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HOUSE PAINTERS, GRAINERS,
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Central street—House and shop formerly occupied by H. H. Perry.
All orders promptly attended to at short notice and reasonable rates. 3tf

WATCHES! WATCHES!

Waltham and Elgin, in Solid Silver cases, warranted good time-keepers, for $14 and upwards.
Also, in stock, a good line of Solid Gold and Plated Jewelry, Clocks, &c. Watch repairing a specialty.
Agent for the Smith Am. Organ Co's Organs, low for cash or on installments.
Send for catalogue and price list. 2tf
Remember, 69 MAIN STREET, PALMER, Mass. Orders by mail or express promptly attended to.

FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRY.

Mrs. J. W. Smith has opened a First-class Laundry in rear of Cross' Block, Palmer, and will do all kinds of fine and common washing in the best manner. Polishing, fluting and ruffling done in the nicest style.
Palmer, April 22, 1876. 4tf

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The store recently occupied by E. L. DAVIS has been enlarged and fitted up expressly for a nice, full stock of

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Palmer, April 1, 1876. 1tf

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Henry H. Perry, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
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Palmer, April 4th, 1876. 3w4

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The second of said tracts is known as the Gulf lot, and is situate in the southwesterly part of said Wales, containing twenty-four acres of land, more or less, and being the same described in a deed dated February 4th, A. D. 1867, and recorded in the Hampden registry of deeds, book 250, page 15.

Both of said tracts have valuable young timber growing thereon, increasing in value every year. Terms Cash. ANSON SOULE, Adm'r.
West Brookfield, April 17, 1876. 3w4

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For an answer. We are bound to make our "Centennial" sale a GRAND SUCCESS, and have made prices that we believe will do it. Send for our new price list, or, what's better, come yourself and look at the bargains. Ask for the "Centennial Sale" in the rear of the store.

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Work well done. ALL PRICES FAIR!
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The 6.35 p. m. train connects at New London with boats for New York, landing at pier 10, North River, making this a desirable route for passengers going south and west.

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Nov. 1, 1875. 1tf

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.—APRIL 30th.

BY REV. B. M. FULLERTON.

THE LAME MAN HEALED—ACTS III. 1—ii.

The Connection. The Apostles had borne powerful witness to Jesus, as the Saviour. Their testimony is here borne out by an act of an apostle done in the name or power of him to whom they had testified, and bearing the stamp of the miraculous upon it.

Verse 1. What example is here set? That of the union of disciples. Fellowship with all believers is perfectly consistent with the more intimate friendships of a few with each other.

The ancient Christian practice was to go daily to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon for prayer. There were two other houses of devotion. Consider Daniel's practice.

V. 2. The lameness of this man was generally known, for he presented himself daily at the temple gate. Nowhere else would he be so likely to receive gifts.

V. 4-5. The look of Peter and John was one of sympathy. "Look on us" were words intended to fix the thought and the faith of the crippled man. How often do the poor, the weary and the worn look on Christ's disciples expecting to receive something and receive nothing.

V. 6. Peter extinguishes his hope of money yet does not dismiss him without a gift.

V. 7. The act and the word must correspond.

V. 8. The lame one finds he can do what he had never learned to do from his birth.

V. 9, 10, 11. He exercised his new powers. Let the church act, where and as she speaks, and there will be healing. God chooses a notoriously wicked man sometimes, as he here choses a well known cripple, on whom to manifest his power. There are those whose only answer to such miracles of grace is, "Well, he was so bad that he needed to have a radical work done in him." Such forget the "plague" of their own hearts.

Reflections. He who acts and he who receives must co-operate. Both must depend upon Jesus. "He who lays us at the gate of the temple, which is called Jesus Christ, has, in truth, carried us to the gate of life and of the power of God." Poor Peter was richer than the rich. Men crippled by sin can arise and walk only through Christ. The inexhaustible treasures of the church are the vital word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

AN OLD VISITOR DISLODGED.—Mr. Horace Bingham of Fairbault, Minn., a carpenter by trade, and formerly a resident of Chicopee, Mass., dislodged from his stomach a few weeks ago, in three pieces, a brown water snake four feet in length, which had caused him the greatest misery for sixteen years. When he went to Minnesota, about a year ago, his health, which had been miserable for ten years back, was rapidly failing and he looked upon death as a relief from his sufferings. He was conscious that he swallowed the snake sixteen years ago while drinking from a pond. The agony which the reptile caused him is beyond description. He could not lie comfortably on his back, and the appetite of the reptile could only be appeased with enormous quantities of food and sweetened water. He had taken medicine without avail, until put under the care of Dr. Z. B. Nichols of Fairbault. Mr. Bingham is now improving in health, and is said to be the happiest man in Minnesota.

ACCORDING TO THE FASHION.—She wore a round hat put upon the back of her head like the aureole of a saint, to whom her sweet face gave her an appearance of kindred. Her bodice was close fitting—indeed, drawn tight about her waist, like the bark of a young, tender tree. Her scant skirt, pulled tight in front so as to show her form, and "tied back," terminated behind in a fan like train, like the trail of a mermaid. She was mounted on shoes seven sizes too small for her feet—indeed, only her toes appeared to have accommodation in them; and the high heels coming under the instep tilted her forward and completed the grace of her carriage. When she walked she put down one little foot after the other as if each leg were as elastic as an iron rod. It was a great pleasure to see her pegging along, a thing of perfect beauty, like one of the drawings of some mythological biped by one of the old masters.

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